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ARREST, CONFINEMENT, AND
PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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According to Los Angeles Police Department Records, at 12:30 a.m., on June 5, 1968, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was arrested by Los Angeles Police Department Officers [REDACTED] (Number [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] (Number [REDACTED]) at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California under the name of "JOHN DOE #1". He was charged with suspicion of 217 PC (assault with intent to murder). SIRHAN had no identification on his person and refused to reveal his identity.

According to Los Angeles Police Department Records, [REDACTED] read the following statement to SIRHAN: "you have the right to remain silent. If you give up the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to speak with an attorney and to have the attorney present during questioning. If you so desire and cannot afford one, an attorney will be appointed for you without charge before questioning." SIRHAN was then asked, "Do you understand your rights?" at which time he replied "Yes."; "Do you wish to remain silent?" at which time he replied "Yes." and "Do you want an attorney present?" to which he replied "Yes." SIRHAN was booked as "JOHN DOE #1" on June 5, 1968 at 2:20 a.m.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was examined at 2:01 a.m., June 5, 1968 by Dr. E.C. LANZ at the Los Angeles Police Department under the name "JOHN DOE - Suspect". Medical findings indicated a swelling of his left ankle, probably sprain, no fracture, contusion of his left index finger, hematoma of forehead and minor abrasions of face.

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On June 7, 1968, SA [REDACTED] received
a photograph from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which had been taken by
HAL BURBA of the Los Angeles Fire Department on June 5, 1968.
This photograph depicts two individuals attempting to subdue
the suspect. To the right rear, according to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] can be observed an individual whom he believes is
ROOSEVELT GRIER, a Los Angeles Rams football player.

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[REDACTED] furnished SA [REDACTED] a photograph
of suspect SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN being held by a police officer
at the Ambassador Hotel.

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The following is a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as he is being removed by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Officers from the Ambassador Hotel. The photograph was made available by [REDACTED]

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The following is a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA
SIRHAN when he was booked by the Los Angeles Police
Department following his arrest for shooting Senator
ROBERT F. KENNEDY:



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b7c On June 7, 1968, [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, made available the attached records.

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On June 7, 1968, SA [REDACTED]
obtained the following records from the Pasadena Police
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[REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), made available the following copies of the Medical Treatment Record of the victims wounded in the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel:

These Medical Treatment Records are from the City of Los Angeles, Central Receiving Hospital, and are handwritten copies of the originals.

[REDACTED] advised that the originals of these records are being utilized for the Grand Jury Hearing, being conducted on June 7, 1968, and are, therefore, not available at this time. The originals of these records will be available through appropriate subpoena if required for any Federal court proceedings at a later date.

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67C [REDACTED] Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, made the following physical evidence available to SAs [REDACTED] and FBI Photo Lab employee [REDACTED] for examination and photographing on the morning of June 5, 1968. He stated this material was in the possession of the individual identified as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the time of his arrest.

1. \$100 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. H 04568389A, Series 1950 D.
2. \$100 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 00339025A, Series 1950 E.
3. \$100 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 13085264A, Series 1950 (no letter designation).
4. \$100 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 08431310A, Series 1950 D.
5. \$5.00 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 72235260A, Series 1963 A.
6. \$1.00 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 49493767D, Series 1963 A.
7. \$1.00 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 52741666D, Series 1963 A.
8. \$1.00 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. E 49565514C, Series 1963 A.
9. \$1.00 Federal Reserve Note bearing Serial No. L 41045381D, Series 1963 A.
10. One key, silver in color, appearing to be an automobile key, bearing the letters CPD.
11. Song sheet of three verse song, captioned, "THIS MAN IS YOUR MAN, THIS MAN IS MY MAN". Each of the first two verses end with the line, "That man is ROBERT KENNEDY". The third verse ends with the line, "THE MAN IS ROBERT KENNEDY".

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12. Torn announcement from unknown newspaper, indicating Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was to be at the Coconut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday, June 2, 1968.
13. Torn news column from the "Independent Star-News", Pasadena, California newspaper. Column by DAVID LAWRENCE, captioned, "Paradoxical Bob".

The items were left in the custody of [REDACTED] after Photo Lab employee [REDACTED] had photographed each. The Federal Reserve Notes and the two newspaper tear sheets, and the song sheet were not removed from the plastic envelopes the Police Department had placed them in. The key was not in an envelope at the time it was photographed.

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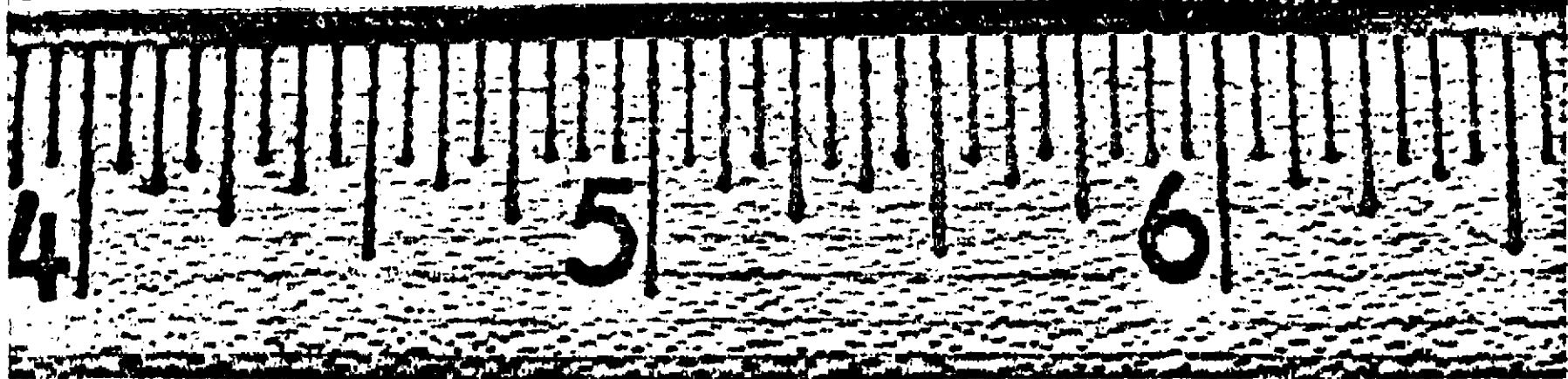
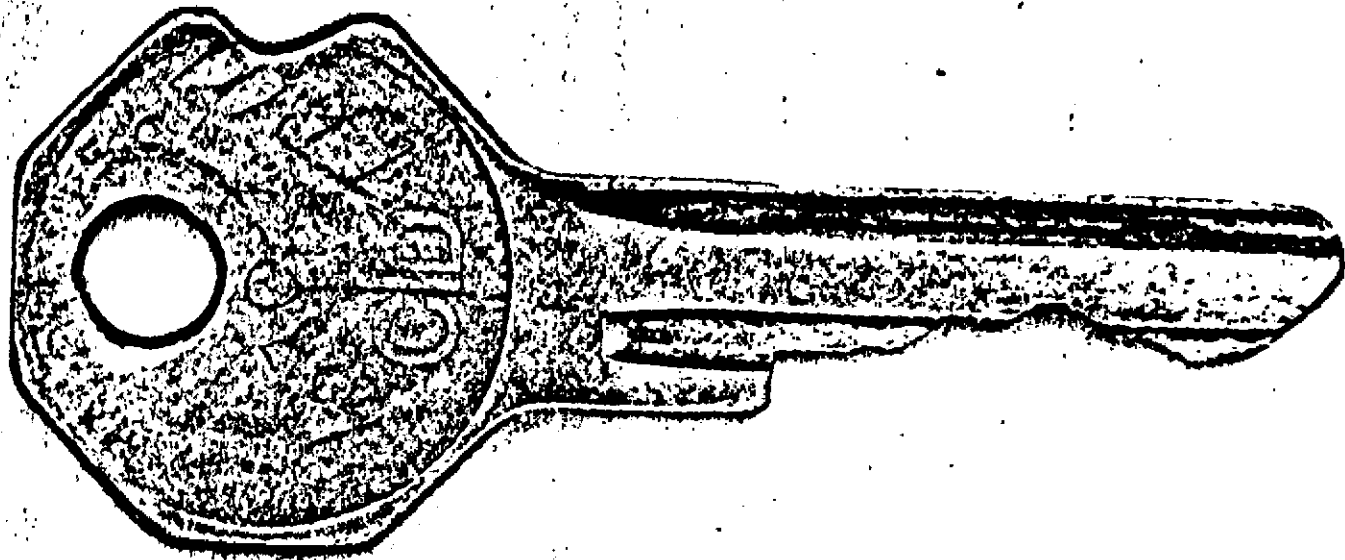
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THIS MAN IS YOUR MAN, THIS MAN IS MY MAN

First Verse and chorus

This man is your man, This man is my man
From California to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream Waters
That man is ROBERT KENNEDY.

Second Verse

Let us stop the fighting, start reuniting
Increase our labors, to help our neighbors.
This nation needs now a man who leads now
That man is ROBERT KENNEDY.

CHORUS

Third Verse

He walks with all men, He talks with all men.
In times of crisis he is the right man.
For peace in our land, for peace in all lands
THE MAN IS ROBERT KENNEDY.

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You and your friends
are cordially invited to come
to see and hear

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Senator Robert Kennedy

Sunday, June 2, 1968

at 8:00 P.M.

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KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE JOHN A. THURMAN, CHAIRMAN, LARRY A. COOPER, TREASURER

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David Lawrence

Paradoxical Bob

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES are out to get votes, and some of them do not realize their own inconsistencies.

Just the other day, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York made a speech in Los Angeles which certain Catholic and Jewish groups which have been staunchly supporting the cause of Israel against Egypt and the Arab countries.

Kennedy said: "We cannot — and will not — permit the Soviet Union to achieve an imbalance in the Middle East. We can and will fully assist Israel — with arms if necessary — to meet the threat of massive Soviet military buildups. We cannot — and will not — render Israel defenseless in the face of aggression."

But during the last three years, on the other hand, the Soviet Union has been sending munitions to North Vietnam as well as bombing planes and other weapons of war amounting to a total of at least a billion dollars a year. Yet no demand has been made by any of the presidential candidates that economic sanctions be taken against the Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

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SEN. KENNEDY has also declared the United

States should use its power during international crises "only as a strategic reserve against the most serious of threats." He adds:

"Vietnam is only Vietnam. It will not settle the fate of Asia or America — much less the fate of the world."

Lots of people, however, think the situation in the Middle East is not nearly as dangerous as the situation in Southeast Asia. Also there are many members of Congress who feel that, if it is proper for the United States to render military support to Israel in the Middle East, it is just as necessary to protect the countries of Southeast Asia against aggression.

Sen. Kennedy, in a speech in Portland, Ore., last month, criticized the administration's attitude even more severely when he said:

"American foreign policy has become identified with power, and in that obsession we have forgotten our purposes."

"By the unilateral exercise of our overwhelming power, we isolated ourselves. To many of our traditional allies and neutral friends, we behaved as a superpower ignoring our own historical commitment to a decent respect for the opinions of mankind."

Kennedy, in his speech on Monday, nevertheless recommended a stern policy in the Middle East and favored aid to Israel "with arms if necessary" to meet the threat of the Soviets.

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OPPOSITION to the war in Vietnam has been expressed by presidential candidates appealing to voters who are fearful that their sons may be drafted or to the families of those young men who are already in the Armed Forces of the United States in Southeast Asia. A large number of people in this country are deeply concerned with the events in the Middle East, particularly with the fate of Israel. Hence the political candidates see a big advantage in proclaiming their firm support of American intervention in the Middle East.

President Johnson, in announcing that he would not accept nomination for re-election, had hoped to take the Vietnam issue out of the campaign, but foreign policy seems to have remained an issue in the speeches by the two Democratic candidates, Sen. Kennedy of New York and Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota.

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[REDACTED] Detective Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department, made available the following copy of the medical treatment record of SIRHAN SIRHAN. This record reflects the results of a physical examination made upon SIRHAN on June 5, 1968, following his arrest by members of the Los Angeles Police Department. The examination was made at the Los Angeles Police Department.

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[REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart Detectives, advised SA [REDACTED] on June 6, 1968, that the arraignment of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN took place at approximately 7:00 a.m., on June 5, 1968, in Division 40, Los Angeles County Municipal Court. SIRHAN was booked and arraigned under the name of "JOHN DOE". He was charged with six counts of Section 217 PC, assault with intent to murder. Judge JOAN DEMPSEY KLEIN set bail at \$250,000 and this bail will take effect upon the proper identification of the defendant. At the time of the arraignment, SIRHAN was actually held without bail due to the fact that his identity was not known and therefore the terms of bail did not apply.

[REDACTED] stated that it was his understanding the Los Angeles County District Attorney planned to present the case to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on Friday, June 7, 1968. He said if the indictment was immediately forthcoming, there would be no preliminary hearing for the subject.

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Los Angeles County Jail, advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is confined to an eight foot by ten foot hospital room located on the second floor of the Hospital Section of the Los Angeles County Central Jail. This room contains no windows and has a single steel door which has a 12 inch by 12 inch glass window, which permits an outside guard to view the room. The room contains an eight inch high welded steel bed, which is secured solidly to the floor. The bed contains a foam rubber mattress, blankets, and a pillow. The room contains a commode and a 12 inch by 16 inch tempered glass mirror. Located near the commode and affixed to the wall, is an 18 inch by 16 inch steel shelf, which contains coat hooks. The room also contains a wash basin, towel bar, and a steel toilet paper fixture, which is also affixed solidly to the wall.

[REDACTED] advised that logs are being maintained during SIRHAN's incarceration at this institution, as well as medical reports.

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[REDACTED] advised that SIRHAN is currently wearing a prison issued pair of pajamas and that no toilet articles are permitted in the cell except on the request of SIRHAN. [REDACTED] stated that there is no electronic device in SIRHAN's cell nor will one be installed. [REDACTED] stated SIRHAN will be fed the standard hospital menu three times a day, selected at random from meals provided all inmates. The only occasion on which he will leave his room under escort will be for the purposes of receiving medical attention and for showers.

[REDACTED] when SIRHAN arrived at the Los Angeles County Central Jail he was immediately examined by Dr. PHILLIP ATTALLA and this examination included a head to toe-X-ray. He said it was noted during the examination that SIRHAN was suffering from a fractured finger, which was immediately splinted and an ace bandage applied to his swollen ankle.

During the day, SIRHAN requested and received single copies of the "Los Angeles Times" and the "Herald-Examiner".

[REDACTED] further advised a jail guard constantly surveils SIRHAN through a glass window in the cell door throughout the period SIRHAN is confined alone. He stated the only exception to this procedure is when SIRHAN is visited by a person, physician or his attorney, at which time the guard checks via the window at five minute intervals. He further stated anyone visiting SIRHAN's cell, including his attorney, must first have the approval of Sheriff PETER PITCHESS. Under no circumstances will SIRHAN be brought to an interview area of the jail, for security reasons.

[REDACTED] no complications other than the fractured finger and swollen ankle were noted during the examination of SIRHAN by Dr. ATTALLA. Further, there were no indications that SIRHAN had been using any form of narcotic and Dr. ATTALLA has advised that there was no indication of any form of narcotic withdrawal. [REDACTED] stated that in his conversation with SIRHAN on June 5, 1968, he found him to be very articulate in speech with very little discernable accent.

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SA [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] to the second floor hospital cell occupied by SIRHAN. Prior to viewing SIRHAN through the glass window, [REDACTED] opened an adjoining unoccupied room in order to permit SA [REDACTED] to view the room's facilities which are identical to those in SIRHAN's cell. This inspection coincided in every respect with the description of the room as previously related by [REDACTED]. The bed and steel shelf, toilet paper fixture, basin and tempered glass mirror were all firmly affixed to the wall and floor.

On completing inspection of the room adjoining that of SIRHAN's, [REDACTED] permitted SA [REDACTED] to view SIRHAN through the glass window leading into his room. It was observed by SA [REDACTED] that SIRHAN was lying face up on his bed relaxing. It was also noted that his left index finger was heavily bandaged with splint protruding from the end. Also noted was an ace bandage wrapped around SIRHAN's left ankle. This cell was identical to the above cell inspected by SA [REDACTED].

SA [REDACTED] observed a uniformed Deputy Sheriff positioned on a high stool immediately outside SIRHAN's room which affords him constant surveillance of SIRHAN while he is in the room. [REDACTED] advised that a guard will be maintained at the window of SIRHAN's cell during the period he is confined to the Los Angeles County Central Jail.

[REDACTED] made available to SA [REDACTED] a copy of the institute menu for its inmates for the period June 5 - 9, 1968. He pointed out that in an effort to prevent the possibility of poisoning SIRHAN while confined he has assigned Deputy Sheriff personnel to proceed down the prison mess line and at random select the food to be given to SIRHAN thus preventing a regularly assigned tray to be delivered to him. He also advised that SIRHAN will be utilizing a spoon as a utensil instead of a fork.

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Attached is a copy of the indictment obtained
by SA [REDACTED] on June 7, 1968, from
the Office of the District Attorney, Los Angeles County.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The People of the State of California, Plaintiff,

v.

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,

Defendant.

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INDICTMENT

MURDER (Sec. 187, P.C.) - Count I
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH
INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER
(Sec. 217, P.C.) - Counts II-VI

The said

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment,
of the crime of MURDER,

in Violation of Section 187, Penal Code of California, a felony,
committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the 5th day of June, 1968 at and in the County of
Los Angeles, State of California, the said defendant,

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

did, willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously and with malice aforethought murder

Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being.

A TRUE BILL

Forman of the Grand Jury

Presented by the Foreman of the Grand Jury, in the presence of the Grand Jury, in open Superior
Court of the State of California, within and for the County of Los Angeles, and filed as a record in
said Court this 7th day of June, 1968.

WILLIAM G. SHARP, COUNTY CLERK

By _____ Deputy

EVELLE J. YOUNGER,
~~TELETYPE CROSS EXAMINATION~~ District Attorney

By _____ Deputy
JOHN E. HOWARD

Bail Recommended

\$ No bail

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COUNT II

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense of the same class of crimes and offenses as the charge set forth in Count I hereof, the said **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER,**

in Violation of Section **217**, Penal Code of California, a felony, committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the **5th** day of **June, 1968,** at and in the County of **Los Angeles, State of California,** the said defendant,

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon **Paul Schrade, a human being,** with the intent then and there willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder the said **Paul Schrade.**

COUNT III

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense of the same class of crimes and offenses as the charges set forth in all the preceding counts hereof, the said **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER**, in Violation of Section **217**, Penal Code of California, a felony, committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the **5th** day of **June, 1968**, at and in the County of **Los Angeles**, State of California, the said defendant, **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon **Irwin Stroll**, a human being, with the intent then and there willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder the said **Irwin Stroll**.

COUNT IV

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense of the same class of crimes and offenses as the charges set forth in all the preceding counts hereof, the said **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER,**

in Violation of Section **217**, Penal Code of California, a felony, committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the **5th** day of **June, 1968,** at and in the County of **Los Angeles, State of California,** the said defendant,

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon **William Weisel,** a human being, with the intent then and there willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder the said **William Weisel.**

COUNT V

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense of the same class of crimes and offenses as the charges set forth in all the preceding counts hereof, the said **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER,** in Violation of Section 217, Penal Code of California, a felony, committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the 5th day of June, 1968, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the said defendant, **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon Elizabeth Evans, a human being, with the intent then and there willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder the said Elizabeth Evans.

COUNT VI

For a further and separate cause of action, being a different offense of the same class of crimes and offenses as the charges set forth in all the preceding counts hereof, the said **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of **ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER** in Violation of Section 217, Penal Code of California, a felony, committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows:

That on or about the 5th day of June, 1968, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the said defendant, **SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**

did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault with a deadly weapon upon Ira Goldstein, a human being, with the intent then and there willfully, unlawfully, feloniously, and with malice aforethought, to kill and murder the said Ira Goldstein.

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was arraigned in Department 100 of Los Angeles County Superior Court, before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge ARTHUR L. ALARCON, in proceedings which commenced 5:48 p.m., June 7, 1968. The proceedings were held in the Chapel Facility of the new Los Angeles County Jail, 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, California. Judge ALARCON announced that the reasons for holding the proceedings in that facility were two-fold:

1. Because of the defendant's physical condition.
2. To insure appropriate security.

The indictment against SIRHAN was read by Deputy District Attorney JOHN E. HOWARD, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. SIRHAN was represented by WILBUR L. LITTLEFIELD, Chief Trial Deputy for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. Also present in court at the specific request of Judge ALARCON, was A. L. WIRIN, a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union. WIRIN conferred with SIRHAN prior to arraignment at the request of SIRHAN.

Defender LITTLEFIELD requested the Judge to order an examination of SIRHAN by two psychiatrists, which was approved by the court. This psychiatric examination was for the benefit of the defense only, and the court ordered that the examining doctors not divulge the results of their findings to anyone other than the defense. At the request of the defense counsel, Judge ALARCON fixed date of June 28, 1968, at 9:00 a.m., for plea and further proceedings.

The defendant was observed being brought into the Chapel Facility in a wheel chair. It was also observed that the defendant left the Chapel Facility in a wheel chair.

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Following the arraignment of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in Department 100, of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, presided over by Judge ARTHUR L. ALARCON, the Judge issued instructions regarding publicity in connection with this prosecution as follows:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN,

Defendant.

NO. A 233421

ORDER RE PUBLICITY

The Grand Jury having returned an indictment in this matter on this date, June 7, 1958, this Court now has jurisdiction over all proceedings in this case for the first time. Therefore, the Court is now in a legal position to make certain orders respecting this matter.

Under our Constitution, each defendant is entitled to the due process of the law and to a fair trial. This Court has an affirmative duty to do everything possible within its Constitutional powers and jurisdiction to make certain that each defendant does receive a fair trial.

In order to fulfill that Constitutional duty to guarantee that the defendant does receive a fair trial, and because of the obvious public interest in this matter which has produced massive news media publicity, and it further appearing to the Court that the dissemination by any means of public communication of any out-of-

1 court statements relating to this case may interfere with the Con-
2 stitutional right of the defendant to a fair trial and disrupt the
3 proper administration of justice, the Court, on its own motion, will
4 now issue the following orders, a violation of which will result in
5 swift action to punish for contempt any offender within the jurisd-
6 iction of this Court.

7 It is the order of this Court that no party to this action
8 nor any attorney connected with this case as defense counsel or as
9 prosecutor, nor any other attorney, nor any judicial officer or
10 employee, nor any public official, including but not limited to any
11 chief of police, nor any sheriff, nor any agent, deputy, or employee
12 of any such persons nor any grand juror, nor any witness having
13 appeared before the Grand Jury in this matter, nor any person sub-
14 poenaed to testify at the trial of this matter, shall release or
15 authorize the release for public dissemination of any purported
16 extrajudicial statement of the defendant relating to this case, nor
17 shall any such persons release or authorize the release of any docu-
18 ments, exhibits, or any evidence, the admissibility of which may
19 have to be determined by the Court, nor shall any such person make
20 any statement for public dissemination as to the existence or pos-
21 sible existence of any document, exhibit, or any other evidence, the
22 admissibility of which may have to be determined by the Court. Nor
23 shall any such persons express outside of court an opinion or make
24 any comment for public dissemination as to the weight, value, or
25 effect of any evidence as tending to establish guilt or innocence.
26 Nor shall any such persons make any statement outside of court as to
27 the nature, substance, or effect of any testimony that has been given.
28 Nor shall any such persons issue any statement as to the identity of
29 any prospective witness, or his probable testimony, or the effect
30 thereof. Nor shall any person make any out-of-court statement as to
31 the nature, source, or effect of any purported evidence alleged to
32 have been accumulated as a result of the investigation of this

1 matter. Nor shall any such person or any witness, whether or not
2 under subpoena, make any statement as to the content, nature, sub-
3 stance, or effect of any testimony which may be given in any pro-
4 ceeding related to this matter, except that a witness may discuss
5 any matter with any attorney of record or agent thereof.

6 This order does not include any of the following:

7 1. Factual statements of the accused person's name,
8 age, residence, occupation, and family status.

9 2. The circumstances of the arrest, namely, the time
10 and place of the arrest, the identity of the arresting and
11 investigating officers and agencies, and the length of the
12 investigation.

13 3. The nature, substance, and text of the charge,
14 including a brief description of the offenses charged.

15 4. Quotations from, or any reference without com-
16 ment to, public records of the Court in the case, or
17 to other public records or communications heretofore
18 disseminated to the public.

19 5. The scheduling and result of any stage of the
20 judicial proceeding held in open court in an open or
21 public session.

22 6. A request for assistance in obtaining evidence.

23 7. Any information as to any person not in custody
24 who is sought as a possible suspect or witness, nor any
25 statement aimed at warning the public of any possible
26 danger as to such person not in custody.


27 8. A request for assistance in the obtaining of
28 evidence or the names of possible witnesses.

29 Further, this order is not intended to preclude any wit-
30 ness from discussing any matter in connection with the case with
31 any of the attorneys representing the defendant or the People, or
32 any representative of such attorneys.

1 It is further ordered that a copy of this order be
2 attached to any subpoena served on any witness in this matter, and
3 that the return of service of the subpoena shall also include the
4 fact of service of a copy of this order.

5 This order shall be in force until this matter has been
6 disposed of or until further order of Court.

7 Dated: June 7, 1963.
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12 Arthur L. Alarcon
13 Judge of the Superior Court
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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS
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ANDREW WEST, News Director, KRKD Radio Station, 1050 Montecito Drive, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of employment relative to his knowledge of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Prior to interviewing ANDREW WEST relative to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he advised that his true name is GEORGE WILLIAM WEST, and he stated that he uses the names ANDREW WEST or ANDY WEST as professional names in connection with his employment. ANDREW WEST stated that he resides at [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, and he stated his landlady's telephone number is [REDACTED]. ANDREW WEST stated that the telephone numbers at his place of employment are 225-4116 and 225-7951.

ANDREW WEST stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. ANDREW WEST stated that after 9:15 p.m. on June 4, 1968, most of his time was spent next to the podium of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was to make a speech. ANDREW WEST stated that he was on the stage until Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived, made his speech, and left the stage. ANDREW WEST stated that excerpts from Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech were tape recorded by him. ANDREW WEST stated that before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech he tape recorded some comments of California Speaker of the Assembly JESSE UNRUH, and also asked Speaker of the Assembly JESSE UNRUH a couple of questions. ANDREW WEST stated that he then excerpted comments from Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech and at the end of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech asked him a question. ANDREW WEST stated that following the question, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his wife, ETHEL KENNEDY, immediately left the stage and went to the area behind the stage. ANDREW WEST stated that this was approximately 12:00 midnight to approximately 12:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968. ANDREW WEST stated that after he had asked Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY a question he turned off his tape recorder.

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ANDREW WEST stated that after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his wife, ETHEL KENNEDY, left the stage, he followed them to ask additional questions, but Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was out of his sight for a short time after he left the stage. ANDREW WEST stated that after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY left the stage, he proceeded to a small anteroom and hallway behind the stage of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, and at this time he was trotting to catch up with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ANDREW WEST stated that as he reached the hallway behind the stage and turned right, he saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, his wife ETHEL KENNEDY, and a number of campaign supporters and news media people immediately in front of him. ANDREW WEST stated that he started through the group of people in the direction of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ANDREW WEST stated as he approached Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he heard noises which sounded like gun shots, and at that time he instinctively turned on his tape recorder. ANDREW WEST stated that at the time he did not know, for a fact, that the sounds were gun shots, because people had been exploding balloons, and the sounds were similar. However, on this occasion he did notice that the sounds he had heard did not sound the same as the balloons he had previously heard exploding. ANDREW WEST stated he also believes he heard a woman scream at this time. ANDREW WEST stated that at this time he was approximately four or five feet away from Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was directly in front of him with a number of people between himself and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ANDREW WEST stated he then heard a woman scream, "KENNEDY has been shot", or "The Senator has been shot", or words to that effect, and he then saw a man lying on the floor. ANDREW WEST stated he was very close to this man, and as he looked over him, he saw that it was not Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but the man did look familiar. ANDREW WEST stated that he then noticed a second man lying on the floor a short distance away, and he went to the area of the second man who was lying on the floor and saw it was Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and he observed

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blood oozing from the back of his head. ANDREW WEST stated that after he saw it was Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the floor, he immediately realized that someone was in the area with a gun, and he started looking for him. ANDREW WEST stated that he then noticed two men grappling with a third man within approximately six or eight feet of where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was lying on the floor. ANDREW WEST stated that he had seen these men grappling almost immediately after he had first identified Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY as one of the two men lying wounded on the floor. ANDREW WEST stated that in connection with his observation of the men grappling, he saw a hand with a pistol in it, and he saw another hand, which was wrapped around the hand holding the pistol. ANDREW WEST stated that he then went in the direction of the pistol and he saw ROOSEVELT GRTER holding a man, and he then noticed that the gun was pointing at him. ANDREW WEST stated that he then pulled away and also told people in the general area to get away from the gun. ANDREW WEST stated that at about the same time he recognized a person he believed to be RAFAEL JOHNSON holding on to the hand holding the gun. ANDREW WEST stated that he then saw that the pistol had been taken away from the man holding it, and when he saw that the gun was broken away from the hand holding it, he turned his direction elsewhere and left the room. ANDREW WEST stated that at that time he was satisfied that help was on its way for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that the assailant had been arrested. ANDREW WEST stated that he was unable to describe the assailant or furnish any descriptive data relative to him. ANDREW WEST stated that the reason he was unable to describe the assailant was because he had concentrated his entire attention on the pistol and the activity relative to taking the pistol away from whomever was holding it. ANDREW WEST stated that he noticed only one man, although he had looked for additional people who could be with the assailant, and he had only seen this one man holding the pistol.

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ANDREW WEST stated that he had seen SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph in the newspapers, and he was unable to identify the individual in the photographs as the individual he had seen with the gun on June 5, 1968. ANDREW WEST was shown a Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department Booking Number 495139, and he stated he was unable to identify the individual in the photograph as the individual he had seen with the gun on June 5, 1968. ANDREW WEST stated, however, that he could not say that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not the assailant, and the only reason he did not take a closer look at the individual was because he had concentrated his attention on the pistol.

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ANDREW WEST, News Director, Radio Station KRKD, 1050 Montecito Drive, Los Angeles, California, made available to [REDACTED] Narcotics Detail, Highland Park Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, the original tape recording made by ANDREW WEST on the evening of June 4, 1958, and early morning of June 5, 1958. ANDREW WEST marked both the tape recording and the tape spool with marks so that he would be able to identify them in the future.

ANDREW WEST indicated that the tape recording contained a number of questions he had asked JESSE UNRUH, California Speaker of the Assembly, on the evening of June 4, 1958, and also contained excerpts from Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech on the evening of June 4, 1958, and a question he had asked Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY following his speech. ANDREW WEST stated that immediately following a question he had asked Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the tape recording contained voices and sounds relative to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the early morning hours of June 5, 1958.

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[REDACTED] KRKD Radio Station, 1050 Montecito Drive, Los Angeles, California, made available a copy of a tape recording made by ANDREW WEST, News Director, KRKD Radio Station, in the early morning of June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel Los Angeles, California, which contained the following information:

KENNEDY: "Mayor YORTY has just sent me a message that we have been here too long already. (Screaming) So, my thanks to all of you and now onto Chicago and let's win there. (Screaming and yelling, We Want BOBBY over and over again).

REPORTER: "Senator, how are you going to counter Mr. HUMPHREY and his backgrounding you as far as the delegates votes go?

KENNEDY: "It just goes that you have to struggle for it.

REPORTER: "Senator KENNEDY has been shot! Senator KENNEDY has been shot, is that possible? Is that possible! Is it possible, ladies and gentlemen...it is possible he has...not only Senator KENNEDY, oh my God, Senator KENNEDY has been shot and another man, a KENNEDY campaign manager and possibly shot in the head. I am right here...RAFER JOHNSON has a hold of the man who apparently has fired the shot, he has fired the shot...he still has the gun...the gun is pointed at me right at this moment! I hope they can get the gun out of his hand. Be very careful...get the gun...get the gun, get the gun, stay away from the gun, (person in background says get the gun)...stay away from the gun (people are yelling loud)...his hand is frozen, get his thumb, get his thumb, get his thumb. (Man cried out get his head). Take a hold of his thumb and break it if you have to...get his thumb (yelling in background). Get away from the barrel, get away from the barrel, man. (People cried out watch

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the gun, watch the gun). Look out for the gun, okay. All right that's it RAFTER get it, get the gun RAFTER (yelling loud get the gun). Okay, now hold on to the guy, hold on to him, hold on to him. Ladies and gentlemen they have the gun away from the man, they got the gun...I can't see the man, I can't see who it is. Senator KENNEDY right now is on the ground, he has been shot. This is a...this is... What is he? Wait a minute, hold him, hold him, hold him. We don't want another OSWALD, hold him RAFTER. We don't want another OSWALD. (You can hear police whistles in the background). Hold him RAFTER keep people away from him, keep people away from him. All right ladies and gentlemen this is now... Make room, make room, make room, make room, make room. The Senator is on the ground he is bleeding profusely, from apparently...clear back. Apparently the Senator has been shot...from the, in the frontal area we can't see exactly where the, where the Senator has been shot; but, push back...come on... grab a hold of me, grab a hold of me and let's pull back, that's it come on get a hold of my arms and let's pull back, let's pull back. All right the Senator is now the...the ambulance has been called for and the... ambulance has... Bring the ambulance in this entrance. This is a terrible thing, its reminiscent of the Valley the other day when the Senator was out there and somebody hit him in the head with a rock and people couldn't believe it at that time. But it is a fact. Keep room, ETHEL KENNEDY is standing by, she is calm, she is raising her hand high to motion people back she's attempting to get calm. A woman with a tremendous amount of presence, a tremendous amount of presence it's impossible to believe. It's impossible to believe this. There is a certain amount of fanaticism here now, as this has occurred. They are trying to run everybody back. Clear the area, clear the area. Right at this moment... the Senator apparently, we can't see if he's still

conscious or not. Can you see if he is conscious? Can you see if he is conscious? (someone answered, I know he is half conscious). He is half conscious... and ladies, we can't see ladies and gentlemen. (yelling) One of the men, a KENNEDY, apparently a KENNEDY supporter is going first...come on, come on, out, out, out... Is there some way to close these doors JESS? (No). Is there any doors here? (No). (yelling people saying out, out, out, get out). Out, out through the exit, lets go. Out we go...unbelievable situation. They're clearing the halls, one man has blood on himself. We're walking down the corridors here. Repetition in my speech, I have no alternative. The shock is so great...my mouth is dry. I can only say that here in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, the back entrance; from the podium in the press room the Senator walked out the back, I was directly behind him. You heard a balloon go off, and a shot, you didn't really realize that the shot was a shot and yet a scream went up, two men were on the ground both bleeding profusely. One of them was Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. At this moment we are stunned, we are shaking, as is everyone else, in this kitchen corridor at the Ambassador Hotel, in Los Angeles. They are blocking off the entrance now...supposedly to make room for the ambulance. That's all we can report at this moment. I do not know if the Senator is dead or if he is alive. We do not know the name of the other gentlemen concerned. This is ANDREW WEST Mutual News, Los Angeles."

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On June 7, 1968, the following signed statement was made by KARL UECKER, maitre d' Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

"I, Karl Uecker, make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I presently reside at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and am employed by the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, as Assistant Maitre D'.

"On the evening of June 4, 1968, I was assigned to assist Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I attended him during the course of his victory speech in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. After the speech, I took his hand and led him through the passage way behind the stage, leading to the kitchen.

"Pass the kitchen doorway, Kennedy stopped to shake hands with two of the kitchen help. While Kennedy was still observing the last individual he shook hands with, I took his hand to lead him along. As I took his hand to lead him along, somebody reached around me and before I knew what happened two shots were fired and the Senator fell to the ground. I immediately grabbed the gun hand of the assailant and pushed him onto the steam-table. During this time he, the assailant, continued to fire the gun. I grabbed him around the neck in an effort to hold him down, continuing to hold down the hand with the weapon in it. Shortly thereafter, I recall someone behind me saying let him go. On turning around, I observed it was the police. I"

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"released the assailant to the police and they lead him away.

"The assailant is the individual who has been subsequently identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. To my knowledge I have never seen this man before.

"Karl A. Uecker

"Witnessed:

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EDWARD MINASIAN, who is employed in the catering department at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and who resides at [REDACTED] Burbank, California, after having been advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, stated that he had appeared before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury that morning and had identified SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as the individual whom he saw shoot Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and whom he had helped to subdue. He thereafter furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, California
June 7, 1968

"I, Edward Minasian, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I reside at [REDACTED] Burbank, California, and I am employed in the catering department at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. I have been so employed for approximately five years.

"Shortly after midnight of June 4th, 1968 Senator Robert F. Kennedy finished making a statement to his supporters in the Embassy Ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel. The original plans, upon the conclusion of his speech was to turn left, and go downstairs to the Ambassador Ballroom and at the last minute plans were changed to to take Senator Kennedy and his party to the Colonial Room, which was the working press room. In order to follow through with these plans, it was necessary to go through the pantry adjoining the Embassy Room.

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"I was leading the party, and was on the Senator's right, about one step in front. After about fifteen feet inside the pantry door, I sensed the Senator was not as close as when we started into the pantry. I turned to my left, and observed the Senator shaking hands with hotel employees on his left. My partner, Karl Uecker, was on the Senator's left, and about one or two steps in front of him. While the Senator was shaking hands I saw out of the right corner of my eyes someone darted behind my partner, and reached around him, with a gun in his right hand. Before I could react, he fired two shots. My partner grabbed the gunman in a headlock, and I grabbed him around the waist, and forced him up against a steam table. We could not control his gun hand until after he fired a number of shots in rapid succession. A number of the Senator's party helped us to subdue the man and take the gun away. I saw Rafer Johnson put the gun in his pocket.

"At this point I ran to the room-service telephone and called for an ambulance and the police. As I ran to the phone, I noticed the Senator lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood and his eyes shut. One of the bus-boys, Juan Romero, kneeling down by the Senator. When I returned from the phone, approximately one minute later, I noticed that the Senator's eyes were open, and that there were many more people in the immediate area. I returned to where the gunman was being held down, and remained there until the Los Angeles Police arrived to take custody of the gunman. While there, I heard Rafer Johnson ask the man repeatedly, 'Why did you do it, why did you do it?' The man looked at me and said, 'Let me explain, I can explain.' At this point someone told him to shut up. Within approximately ten minutes the police arrived and took custody of the man. Uecker and I escorted the police to the Wilshire entrance, and then returned to the pantry, and by the time we got there the Senator and others who had been shot had been taken away by ambulance.

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"The only other individual who I saw shot was the man from the United Auto Workers, whose name I cannot recall.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other pages, and to the best of my knowledge it is true and correct.

"/s/ Edward Minasian

"Witnesses:

b7c /s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, F.B.I. Los Angeles 6/7/68
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Mr. BORIS YARO, [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted at his residence for the purpose of arranging an interview to determine how his business card came into possession of the police in connection with a search of the residence of suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mr. YARO advised that he is a staff writer and photographer for the Los Angeles Times and was about to depart for Las Vegas, but volunteered to come to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to furnish any information desired. Upon arrival he offered as a matter of expediency to type up a rough resume of his activities in connection with the ROBERT F. KENNEDY assassination and wrote as follows regarding the evening of June 4, 1968:

"Boris Yaro, Los Angeles Times
7:23 p.m.---

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"I arrived at the Ambassador Hotel shortly after 11 p.m. I was with two members of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at USC--they were Marc Dubin and David Druker.---I had been watching the primary on television at the fraternity and had decided to go to the Kennedy headquarters when it became apparent that the Senator was going to win the Calif. Primary. I wanted to shoot some pictures of the Senator for my own personal reasons. I am A Democrat and had voted for the senator.

"When the three of us arrived I quickly determined that the Press had a better vantage point and I told the boys that I would meet them outside the press room after the Senator had made his victory speech. I went inside and talked with Times photographer Steve Fontanini and reporter Paul Houston.--I saw some people going through the kitchen door from the Press Room as if something was going on, and I checked and observed the Senator coming out from the ballroom. I went back and told Steve Fontanini if he wanted a picture of Kennedy he had better hurry--we both went into the kitchen corridor area and were too

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"late to get a picture. I never saw Fontanini at the ambassador again that night.--I went into the main ballroom and worked as close to the front of the podium as possible..I made eight to ten pictures--which satisfied me --then went back into the kitchen area in hopes of getting a closeup as Kennedy left.--while there I talked with Richard Drew, a friend of mine who is a staff photographer with the Pasadena Independent-Star News.-- When Kennedy came back I aimed my camera but he was moving so quickly that I missed him.

"Drew made the comment 'Hey Boris, you missed him.' So I ran to catch up with the senator when he stopped at the corridor junction to shake hands with some people. I was about three feet behind and to the right of him and was trying to find his head in my camera view finder when I heard what I thought were two (2) explosions. My first thought was 'some jerk has thrown some fire crackers in here.'

"all of a sudden the two or three people that had been blocking my view of the Senator disappeared leaving me with a full view of what was happening.

"The senator and the assailant were little more than silhouettes but the senator was backing up and putting both of his hands and arms in front of him in what would be best described as a protective effort. The suspect appeared to be lunging at the senator, I don't know which hand the gun was in--I didn't realize it was a gun until he started firing again--this time I could see the flashes from the short barreled muzzled--I heard no sounds from either man. I felt powder from the weapon strike my face-- I knew it was a gun then. I thought I had heard three shots, in retrospect I know it is more, however.---

"All of a sudden the firing stopped and some men jumped the suspect and there were cries of get him, get the gun,-- much shouting.

"I must have moved closer to the suspect when all of a sudden he was being flattened on the freezer table by two

"caucasians--I saw the suspects hand reach toward the weapon and I grabbed the gun and had it almost immediately yanked out of my hand by one of the men holding the suspects left hand.--I looked to see who it was--The man was a caucasian--6 feet or taller, with sandy hair, green business suit and I think a white shirt and tie.--My attention then shifted to the Senator--who was slumping to the floor--blood on his face--I began to take pictures---I shot 5 pictures--but was interrupted by a panic stricken woman who kept telling me 'don't take pictures.' I remarked to her 'Lady, this is history.' however she kept pulling on my arm (my right arm--So I shoved her into the wall and kept shooting_ more--

"As I watched the senator through my viewfinder I saw that he was badly hurt. I saw a large amount of blood drain from his right ear.--At this point I ran back to the press room in an attempt to notify our paper which was rapidly approaching a deadline.

"None of the phones that I tried in the press room would work so I ran into the main hallway and found David Druker, one of the two boys I had brought with me, still outside.--I told him that Kennedy had been shot, to find Marc and lets get the film down to the Times.

"He came with me until I found a telephone, a pay booth behind some folding mirrors in the Cranston headquarters.--I told him I would wait there until he brought marc dubin back.--

"They appeared about two minutes later and we ran out the back entrance to the hotel--to where I had parked the car which was on Eighth St. right across from the driveway to the hotel's parking lot.---

"As we were running out of the parking lot closest to the hotel a LAPD sgt arrived with red lights on.--I waved at him to stop and told him Senator Kennedy had been shot--Then continued my run to the car--I shouted at the parking lot attendant to keep 'the driveway open for an ambulance.'--

"I ran every red light, stopping first I must add, on my way downtown to The Times.--

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"I have seen photographs of the suspect held in the shooting of Senator Kennedy and can definately identify him as the person who was shooting the Senator in the Ambassador Hotel early in the morning of June 5, 1968.

"To my knowledge I have never seen this man before hearing the explosions of the pistol shots and have had no contact, whatever, with him.

"RE: Yaro business card in possession of LAPD.

"On Wednesday Morning, June 5, James Wiggins, editor of the San Gabriel Section said that our city desk requested that I go to an address on Howard Street in Pasadena. This was alleged to be the suspect's home. I came from our Temple City office, which is east of Pasadena and consequently was driving on Howard St. eastbound when I observed Richard Drew and Robert Leedom in front of a white house which was not the address I had been given. I also observed an unmarked police car and surmised that this is the correct address. I got out my car and talked with Drew and Leedom--there were two LAPD officers (detectives in plain clothes. I know this because I asked if they were LAPD or FBI and they answered they were lapd.

"No one was in the house because I could hear the phone ringing and no one answering it.--The cops didn't try to stop either Drew or myself from wandering around. I walked into the back yard and saw a box of trash. I started going through it to see if there was anything I could find that would give us a hint of who the suspect was and where he was from. I lifted a couple of pieces of newspaper and discovered a spent .22-caliber slug. I told Dick Drew to 'quick, go get the cops.' He did and detective Edward Willis came back.--I showed him the slug--he looked at it, but did not attempt to pick it up. --a few minutes later he asked for my name--I gave it to him, then I gave him one of my business cards--He asked for my home phone and address which he subsequently, and in my presence, wrote on the back of my card, which he kept. I assume this is how Los Angeles Police came to have my business card in their possession."

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VINCENT THOMAS DI PIERRO, [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California, an employee of the Ambassador Hotel,
3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, furnished the following
signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 7, 1968

"I, Vincent Thomas Di Pierro, born 2/5/49, and
residing at [REDACTED] Los Angeles
Calif. home phone number [REDACTED] furnished the following
voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has
identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation. [REDACTED] has
advised me that I may be required to testify in
Federal Court regarding this statement.

"I am employed as a waiter at the Ambassador
Hotel and although I was not working in that
capacity at the hotel on June 5 1968, I was present
at the hotel to observe Senator Robert Kennedy's
victory speech. I arrived at the Ambassador Hotel
after leaving my home at approx. 11:35 pm and went
to the Ambassador Room which is below the Embassy
Room. I then left the Ambassador Room and went upstairs
to the kitchen via back stairs to avoid hotel security
guards. I arrived in the kitchen and then went to
the pantry area. My reason for doing this was to
shake hands with Senator Kennedy. Shortly after
this Senator Kennedy entered this room and then exited
to the Embassy Room. As he went out the door to the
Embassy Room Senator Kennedy shook hands with me and
then went out into the Embassy Room. As I entered in
this small room I was challenged by a hotel security
guard but Martin Patrusky, a hotel employee, told him
I worked for the hotel.

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"I remained by the door leading to the Embassy Room and shortly thereafter, Eddie Manasian, another hotel employee, told me that Senator Kennedy was finished his speech and that he was going to the Colonial Room for a press conference and that I was to make an aisle for him. Senator Kennedy, after his speech, then left the stage in the Embassy Room and went through a door at the rear of the stage. He then turned to his right, walked down a ramp and was then in the same room as I was. As Senator Kennedy walked through this room I began walking next (approx. 3 feet) to him. Senator Kennedy walked through the swinging door on the left side and I went through the swinging door on the right side. At this time we were both (Senator Kennedy and I) in the kitchen.

"There were approx. 40-50 people were in this pantry room including hotel employees and spectators. I was walking next to Senator Kennedy while in the pantry area and at that time another unknown individual walked between myself and Senator Kennedy. At that time I was then walking approx. 5 feet away and slightly behind Senator Kennedy.

"I was stopped at the ice machine when Senator Kennedy stopped, shook hands with Martin Patrusky, turned and shook my hand as I was standing on the Senator's right, then turned to his left and went to shake hands with a busboy. Senator Kennedy then moved to his right and toward the heating cabinets to shake hands with a hotel cook and a female Caucasian standing next to the cook. At this time I stopped to observe Senator Kennedy as did the others in the room.

"Prior to this occurrence and the time that Senator Kennedy shook my hand I observed a white male and a white female standing on a tray holder at the opposite end of the ice machine which is approx. 12 - 15 feet away. This white male turned toward the white female

"and appeared to converse with her very briefly. He then dismounted from the tray holder went into the crowd and I did not observe him until shortly thereafter when I then saw him standing at the heating cabinet behind Mr. Karl Uecker, another hotel employee. I did not see this white female again after this time.

"As Senator Kennedy shook the hand of the hotel cook he then turned to his right in the direction of the heating cabinet and at that time I saw the white male who was previously standing on the tray holder now standing behind Mr. Uecker at the heating cabinet. I saw this individual reach his right arm around Mr. Uecker and in his hand he had a revolver which was pointed directly at Senator Kennedy's head. The revolver was about 3 - 5 feet from Senator Kennedy's head. This individual then shot Senator Kennedy in the head. Senator Kennedy at this time threw his hands and arms up, reeled backwards and fell to the floor. During this period of time and after the first shot was fired I heard 3 more rapidly fired shots.

"At this time the individual standing next to me on my left fell into my arms and I saw that he had been shot in the forehead. I eased this person to the floor, then went to the aid of Senator Kennedy who was on the floor and being helped by the bus boy. Senator Kennedy was dazed and said "Is everybody allright?" Senator Kennedy said "I'm allright" then mumbled something else.

"I then observed the individual who shot Senator Kennedy being subdued by Rafer Johnson, Karl Uecker and Roosevelt Grier. I saw someone hand Senator Kennedy a rosary and was then asked

"to leave by Mr. Unruh who is a State Senator.

"The same white male that I saw standing on the tray holder is the same person who stood behind Mr. Uecker and shot Senator Kennedy and was later taken away by Los Angeles Police Officers after being captured by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Grier and Mr. Uecker.

"I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of this page and four (4) additional pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Vincent Di Pierro

"Witnessed:

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[REDACTED] 6/7/76
[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Los
Angeles, 6/7/76"

In addition to the above signed statement, DI PIERRO furnished the following information:

He stated that both of the individuals described in the signed statement, who were standing on the tray holder, one of whom was the gunman who shot Senator KENNEDY, were not seen by him in the hotel at any time prior to the above described incident. He stated the gunman was dressed in what appeared to be a powder blue sport coat and white shirt and wearing what appeared to be blue pants with a small white check in them. He stated that the white female standing on the tray holder with the gunman would be described as follows:

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White, female, 5'4" - 5'6", 21 to 25 years of age, dark brown hair, shapely figure wearing a white dress, described as form fitting, with a scoop neck and ruffled collar, and the dress appeared to have black or dark violet polka dots. He stated that he thought he might recognize her again if he saw her, but did not have the opportunity to observe her after the shooting occurred.

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JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the Ambassador
Hotel, Los Angeles, where he is employed as a busboy.

He furnished the following information, including
the signed statement set out below:

"Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1968

"I, JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO, hereby furnish the
following voluntary statement to [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves
to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. I have been advised that I could be
required to testify in court regarding this matter

"I was born June 24, 1950, at Masatan, Mexico.
I entered the United States approximately 1962. I
reside with my stepfather, FLAVIANO ROMERO, and my
mother, ANTONIA ROMERO, at [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California. I am in grade A-11 at
Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, California.
I am employed as a room service busboy at the
Ambassador Hotel and have been so employed for
approximately 2 1/2 years

"On June 4, 1968, I arrived at the hotel
at approximately 3:30 p m and was assigned to
room service as a busboy. I assisted the waiters
with the deliveries to the various rooms. These
duties took me to the kitchen on several occasions.
There were eight or ten waiters assigned to room
service and two busboys including myself. Because
there were so many waiters assigned I had freedom
to move around.

"At approximately midnight I was in the Embassy
Room with JOSE CARDENAS and NICOLAS VALENZUELA. I

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"observed Senator KENNEDY completing his talk to the people in the Embassy Room and noticed him shaking hands with the people.

"I knew he was about to leave the Embassy Room and that he would pass through the hallway near the kitchen. My companions and I rushed over to the hallway to await Mr. KENNEDY so that we could shake his hand. I had shaken hands with Senator KENNEDY on two previous occasions

"I took a position in the hallway just in front of the opening that leads to the kitchen. There were approximately 15 to 20 people in the hallway.

"Senator KENNEDY came through the door accompanied by approximately five men. He seemed to recognize me. I was smiling and Senator KENNEDY was smiling. He held out his hand and I shook it. Senator KENNEDY kept walking for approximately one or two steps.

"I continued to observe him and I noticed a man who was to my left and who was smiling and who appeared to be reaching over someone in an effort to shake Senator KENNEDY's hand.

"At about the same time I heard gunfire and I noticed that this individual was holding a gun in his hand, which hand not recalled, and that the gun was approximately one yard from Senator KENNEDY's head.

"I observed Senator KENNEDY placing his hands to his face and he staggered backwards a few steps and slumped to the floor.

"I immediately turned my attention completely to Senator KENNEDY and I ignored the gunman. I knelt on the floor at Senator KENNEDY's left side and I placed my right hand behind his head and slightly lifted his head. At this time I felt blood in my right hand

"I said, "Come on Mr. KENNEDY you can make it " His lips moved and he seemed to say, "Is everybody all right?" I heard someone say, "Throw that gum away Mr. KENNEDY," and I noticed he was chewing gum I started to reach for the gum but did not as I did not want to put my fingers in his mouth. His right eye was wide open and his left eye was opening and closing

"A white man, age not known, handed me a rosary and said, "Keep this Mr. KENNEDY " This man said something else which I could not understand I placed the rosary around Senator KENNEDY's thumb and folded it in his left hand He moved the hand with the rosary up to his chest

"I looked up and I noticed that several people were taking pictures of Senator KENNEDY with cameras and TV cameras. I shouted for a doctor and a tall white man, approximately 30 - 35 years old, approached Senator KENNEDY, took off his coat and folded it and placed the coat under Senator KENNEDY's head.

"I got up from the floor and I noticed another man who was on the floor and who had blood on his forehead. This individual was very still

"At about the time I got up, Mrs KENNEDY came rushing up and pushed me out of the way

"I went to see if the gunman was in custody I saw a man who was being held down on the heating table by at least four men. I noticed that ROOSEVELT GRIER was one of the men and he was holding part of the man. GRIER had the gun away from the man at the time I saw RAFAEL JOHNSON take the gun from GRIER. CARL, one of the headwaiters, was holding the man's head and a small Japanese cook was holding down the man's right arm.

"The man I observed holding the gun and shooting Senator KENNEDY is the same individual I later observed being held by two Los Angeles Police Officers as they were taking him from the hotel.

"I do not recall ever having seen the individual who did the shooting prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

"I have read this statement of this page and four other pages. It is true and correct

"/s/ JUAN ANTONIO ROMERO

b7c "Witnesses:

"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/6/68

"/s/ [REDACTED] SA, FBI, Los Angeles, California, 6/6/68."

ROMERO stated that he did not know how many shots were fired but that there were more than one. He said that there may have been some pause between shots, but he could not estimate the time of the pause. He did not notice any prolonged pause between any of the shots

While he was assisting Senator KENNEDY, he heard someone say, "Get the gun, get the gun" several times, and he also heard people scuffling. He did not pay any attention to the individuals who were scuffling as he was concentrating his attention on Senator KENNEDY.

He did not notice the other individuals who were wounded except for the man who was lying on the floor with the blood on his forehead

Approximately two days before the shooting occurred, date and time not recalled, he was working at the hotel when he was approached by two white males. He recalls that one of the white males was very stout, approximately six feet tall, and approximately 45 years old. He does not recall any of the description of the other individual. The stout one talked to him and asked him where he could get a hotel jacket similar to the one that ROMERO was wearing. He told ROMERO that they were police officers, but ROMERO did not ask for or see any identification.

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ROMERO reluctantly took these individuals down to the supply room area, but when they arrived there, the supply room was closed.

Both of these individuals were wearing a KENNEDY sign which was secured with a chain around their necks.

He has not seen these individuals since the above occasion and had not ever seen them before. They did not say why they wanted the jackets.

ROMERO stated that photographs of the individual he has seen in the newspapers and on television are the same individual he observed shooting Senator KENNEDY.

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MARTIN PATRUSKY was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a waiter.

"I, Martin Patrusky, furnish the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has advised me that this statement may be used as evidence in a court of law.

"I was born in the Bronx, New York on March 26, 1939 and spent most of my life in the New York area and up-state New York with the exception of two years that I served in the U.S. Army. In September 1966 I left New York and came to Los Angeles where I secured employment as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel.

"I have been a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel from that time to the present.

"I work various hours at the Hotel Ambassador as a waiter depending upon the type of function that is being presented.

"On June 4, 1968 I was assigned to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel as a waiter to serve drinks at a political reception for Senator Robert Kennedy. I reported for roll call at 5:00 p.m. and during the evening served drinks in the Embassy Room and several other rooms.

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"The Embassy Room has a stage which is just west of the kitchen area and from the rear of the stage is a corridor which runs east into the kitchen area and a large serving room. At about midnite, the night of June 4, 1968, Senator Kennedy was brought down on a freight elevator and he

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"proceeded through the kitchen area and the serving room to the rear of the stage of the Embassy Room and entered the stage.

"I was in the kitchen serving area at the time and saw him as he went to the Embassy Room stage.

"I stayed in the kitchen serving area watching the speech of Senator Kennedy on a TV monitor.

"In about 15 or 20 minutes Senator Kennedy and a group of people came through the door from the Embassy Room to the kitchen serving area. Karl Ucker, Assistant Maitre D' Hotel had Senator Kennedy's left sleeve in his hand and Ucker was attempting to lead Senator Kennedy through the crowd.

"I was standing in the serving area near a small silver table and as Senator Kennedy approached me I said to Senator Kennedy, 'Congratulations, Mr. Kennedy'. Senator Kennedy shook my hand and said 'Thank you'. Senator Kennedy then turned to his right and shook hands with Vincent Di Pierro, a fellow waiter. Senator Kennedy then turned to his left and shook hands with a chef and a bus-boy, Juan Romero.

"After Senator Kennedy shook hands with Juan Romero I noticed a man pushing his way toward Senator Kennedy and Karl Ucker. I thought this man was going to shake hands with Senator Kennedy. He pushed himself around to the right of Ucker. This man leaned around the left side of Ucker's body and extended his hand toward Senator Kennedy. I do not know if this man extended his left or right hand. I immediately heard a sound like that of a firecracker. A second later I heard a series of sounds like fire crackers.

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"Karl Ucker swung about and grabbed this individual by the neck and I then heard more sounds like fire crackers.

"I saw Senator Kennedy falling backwards. I looked across the serving room and saw a man falling back against Vincent Di Pierro and blood appeared on the eye glasses of Di Pierro. I also saw a man standing next to Senator Kennedy grab his stomach and fall backward.

"I saw a group of men grabbing a man who was lying face down on the steam table in the serving room. The muzzle of a gun was extending beyond the group and the gun was being waved around before some one grabbed it from the man.

"I then saw Senator Kennedy lying on the floor and a pool of blood was forming under his head. I was then pushed back by the crowd into the cooks eating area. I assisted Mr. Angelo, the Maitre D' to close off the kitchen area part with wooden benches.

"While Senator Kennedy was speaking in the Embassy Room I was in the serving area and at that time there were about twenty persons in the serving area. About half of these persons were hotel employees and about half were outsiders. As I have mentioned the serving room is just east of the Embassy Room stage.

"While Senator Kennedy was speaking I noticed a man standing on a rack full of trays in the serving area. This tray rack has wheels and is raised about six inches off the floor.

"This man was standing on the tray holding on to it to maintain his position on the rack as it was full of trays. This man was looking from the service area through the door to the back of the

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"stage where Kennedy was speaking. I got a good look at this man. He was the same man who later approached Senator Kennedy with outstretched hand at the time I heard the sounds like fire crackers.

"This is also the same man with whom various persons struggled after Senator Kennedy was shot.

"I would describe this man as age twenty five to twenty nine years. He was five foot four inches to five foot six inches and weighed about one hundred twenty to one hundred thirty pounds. He had black curly hair and appeared to be Cuban or Latin American. He had an olive skin.

"He was wearing a blue jacket and possibly blue or black pants. He was also wearing sneakers. I would recognize this man if I saw him again.

"I have read this statement which consists of this page and six other pages. It is true and correct.

"S/ Martin Patrusky

"Witness:

b7c S/ [REDACTED] FBI Los Angeles 6/7/68
S/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/7/68."

Mr. PATRUSKY stated that the man he saw with the gun approaching KENNEDY and after the shooting is the same individual whose photograph he has seen in the newspaper and television identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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Mr. STANLEY KAWALEC, Security Officer, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was assigned as a guard at the hotel the night of June 4, 1968. KAWALEC advised that his station was in a hallway which is located directly behind a small anteroom which, in turn, is located directly behind the stage in the Embassy Room. It was on this stage that Senator KENNEDY was making his victory speech. The stage was separated from the anteroom by a closed curtain. The anteroom was occupied by musicians who had been playing intermittently during the evening and who assumed that location during Senator KENNEDY's speech.

Mr. KAWALEC stated that his main function was to keep the crowd which had gathered in the hallway out of the anteroom and in turn away from the curtain and stage area. KAWALEC stated that the hallway was very crowded but he observed no unusual activity in his area except that on one occasion, one of the band members in the anteroom came to him during the speech and claimed three "outsiders" were in the anteroom with him. KAWALEC advised that he ordered the three men out of the room and that they joined the main crowd in the hallway. KAWALEC was definite in saying that none of these men resembled the suspect, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

KAWALEC advised that as Senator KENNEDY was completing his speech, he was ordered by the Chief Security Officer, Mr. WILLIAM GARDNER, to vacate the spot which he had directly behind the stage and assume a position in the Embassy kitchen area. The purpose of this station, according to KAWALEC, was to control the crowd and make a passageway for Senator KENNEDY from a side door of the Embassy Room through the Embassy kitchen to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to have a press conference. KAWALEC stated that when the Senator reached the kitchen, KAWALEC was standing at the end of a steam table, facing the Senator pushing the crowd behind him when he heard four distinct shots from a

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.22 caliber gun, which he sensed passed him to his right. KAWALEC stated immediate confusion ensued and that he did not see the Senator hit nor fall, concentrating on the control of the crowd at that time. KAWALEC advised that the next action he observed was ROOSEVELT GRIER wrestling with an individual on the steam table. Having determined that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and had fallen to the floor, KAWALEC, together with two uniformed Los Angeles Fire Department firemen, endeavored to keep the crowd back from the Senator, allowing him air until assistance had arrived. KAWALEC continued this activity until the officers from the Central Receiving Hospital arrived with a stretcher and eventually placed the stretcher on a freight elevator leading to the ground level. KAWALEC stated that he rode the freight elevator with the Receiving Hospital officers and one of the guards, with perhaps two members of the KENNEDY staff. On reaching the ground level, they remained in the freight elevator until the ambulance arrived in the area. KAWALEC assisted in controlling the crowd near the ambulance while the stretcher was being placed therein.

KAWALEC was questioned as to whether or not he recalled having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the area of the kitchen prior to the Senator entering it, to which he answered that he did not have a distinct recollection but, having seen photographs of him on television and in the press, believes that he recalls seeing an individual with a hairdo similar to SIRHAN's in the large crowd which had been behind the stage and in the kitchen area.

Mr. KAWALEC was questioned as to whether or not he had seen a girl in a polka dot dress in this area and stated that there had been many girls in the crowd but he recalls no one in a polka dot dress.

Mr. KAWALEC was questioned as to how he was able to describe the caliber of the gun which had fired the four shots he heard and he stated that he has a .22 caliber gun of his own and that the resonance of the shots sounded exactly like the shots he had fired from his own weapon.

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b7c KAWALEC advised that he resided in Apartment [REDACTED]
at [REDACTED] and would be available for interview
at any time in the event that he could be of further
assistance.

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Date 6/8/68

DAVID MARK ESQUITH, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, at which time he furnished the following signed statement:

"June 7, 1968
Los Angeles, California

"I, David Mark Esquith, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I was born on September 25, 1948, and I now reside at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. I was a volunteer worker for Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, and I was present at the Ambassador Hotel at the time Kennedy was shot around 12:20 a.m. on June 5, 1968. For the better part of the evening I was close to the podium in the Embassy Room, helping keep people from going through the door that was close to the podium and which led to the room behind the podium. At no time during the evening did I see the man who has been identified as Sirhan Sirhan.

"I stayed in the area of the podium while Robert Kennedy made his victory speech. At that time I did not know which way he planned to exit after his speech, nor did anyone else that I know of. About 5 minutes before Kennedy ended his speech, I was told that Kennedy was going to exit through the kitchen. I am not sure who the person was that told me that, but it may have been Jim Lowe, another campaign worker.

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"When Kennedy left the podium I was at the corner of it, right in front of the Kennedy girls. Irwin Stroll left right behind Kennedy, and then some of the press and part of Kennedy's group followed them. To the best of my recollection, I was next after that. At about the time I reached the door to the serving kitchen I heard some noises which I thought to be helium balloons popping or flashbulbs. There were about 5 such noises. Stroll came to me and said he had been shot, and I helped him back into the Embassy Room. Soon after that I left in a cab with Stroll for the hospital.

"About 5 minutes before Kennedy went to the podium, I walked through the serving kitchen and it was empty. I may have glanced into the kitchen at that time, but if so I did not take particular note of the people I saw in the kitchen. I think I would have noticed anyone in the kitchen who didn't have white clothes on.

"I have read the above two (2) page statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ David M. Esquith

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In addition to the above information, ESQUITY advised that the following people were in the area of the podium at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, at the approximate time that Senator KENNEDY was shot:

BILL COX

VICKY CUCCIA (claims she saw assailant at KENNEDY Headquarters on June 3, 1968.)

ANN FERGUSON

Mrs. TIFFANY JONAS

RICHARD ROSEN

AL ROTHSTEIN

ESQUITH could not furnish the addresses of these individuals but said they were all KENNEDY campaigners, who worked out of KENNEDY Headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

ESQUITH further advised while working at KENNEDY Headquarters he had met a man whose first name was DAVID, last name unknown, who claimed to be an exercise boy at the race track. ESQUITH suggested that in view of the assailant's previous employment as a exercise boy, it might be helpful to contact this man to determine if he was familiar with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. ESQUITH furnished the following description of the man named DAVID, last name unknown:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23 - 24
Hair	Long dark brown hair with long sideburns.
Height	5'11"
Weight	135 pounds

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ESQUITH suggested that JUNE ISAACSON, a supervisor at KENNEDY Headquarters, would have additional information as to who DAVID was and where he might be contacted.

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WILLIAM P. MC SHERRY, television news director, Western Division, American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 4151 Prospect Street, furnished the following information.

MC SHERRY made available the video tape of the FRANK REYNOLDS newscast which was aired in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, on Channel 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This film was viewed on June 7, 1968, at the above address. This film contains scenes of Senator KENNEDY passing through the kitchen en route to the Embassy Room to make a speech and also his return from the Embassy Room into the kitchen.

The above film was made available for exhibition to witnesses, also for lifting a still photograph of any person or persons identified from said film.

This video tape is not to be used without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. If it should be needed, this subpoena duces tecum should be directed to the Operations Officer, ABC.

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Mr. EUGENE COFFEE, Soundman, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

b7C He resides at [REDACTED] California, telephone [REDACTED] and is employed by NBC, Los Angeles, as a soundman. He was assigned the NBC crew which covered and filmed the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968 and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. COFFEE said that he and the other members of the NBC crew did not observe the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He noted that the Senator had departed the speakers' platform and had departed the room via a doorway behind the platform. It was not anticipated that the Senator would exit the room in this manner and NBC had not made preparations to follow him through this exit. It was noted almost immediately that something was taking place behind the doorway and the camera crew followed and noted that KENNEDY was on the floor of the corridor. The suspect was not observed by COFFEE, and he could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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Mr. CHRISTOPHER MICHON, Coordinator, NBC News, 3000 Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He resides at [REDACTED] North Hollywood, California, telephone [REDACTED] and is employed by NBC News, Los Angeles, as a Coordinator. He was assigned to coordinate the activities of the NBC News coverage of the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968 and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. MICHON said that neither he nor the other NBC employees assigned this activity actually observed the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He explained that NBC personnel were not set up to cover the doorway through which the Senator exited and did not reach him until after the shooting had taken place. He and other NBC personnel concentrated on the Senator and did not observe the suspect.

Mr. MICHON said he could furnish no additional pertinent information in connection with this matter.

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Mr. GEORGE SOZIO, Cameraman, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He was assigned as cameraman on the NBC television and news coverage of the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. SOZIO said he was stationed in a room next door to the room in which Senator KENNEDY spoke and observed none of the activity. He did not observe the shooting, did not observe the suspect, and could furnish no information pertinent to this inquiry.

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ROBERT RAY BRESHEARS, [REDACTED] LA
Canada, California, was interviewed at his place of employment,
the [REDACTED] Pasadena,
California, and furnished the following information:

His wife, CAROL, has been a volunteer campaign worker for the KENNEDY organization. He was with CAROL at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, for the election party. He was in the Embassy Room of the hotel, standing behind the stage, late in the evening watching a television monitor as Senator KENNEDY was speaking. Toward the end of the talk he walked to a position against the west wall about ten to twelve feet from the double doors leading to the kitchen area. When the speech had ended, a large group of people, including JESSE UNRUH and presumably Senator KENNEDY, came through the drapes in back of the stage and walked past him. He did not see Senator KENNEDY but just as the group passed into the kitchen area through the double doors, he heard four shots, the first shot sounding like a balloon popping. After the second and third shots, he was certain that the noise was gun shots, possibly from a small barrel gun. The shots were in rapid succession and sounded like they came from the same weapon. He did not attempt to enter the kitchen area where the noise came from, but shortly thereafter a news man came out of the area and gave a brief account of what had happened.

People milled about the area and a short while later they were all ushered, including himself, down the hall to the downstairs ballroom. He stated he did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and has no knowledge of this individual. He recalled that shortly before the KENNEDY party entered the double doors leading to the kitchen area, several news and television people were in the kitchen area working with cables and other television equipment. He does not know the motive for the shooting.

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WILLIE (no middle initial) FRANKLIN, Maintenance Man, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at the [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

FRANKLIN advised that he was on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968. At approximately 12:20 a.m. that date, he was at the guard post at the entrance by the employees time clock, when he saw a large number of people running around in a frantic manner. He heard some of these people say, "A man is shot". Also, he heard some say, "KENNEDY's shot". FRANKLIN advised that this was the first he knew of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and saw nothing concerning the actual shooting, and to his knowledge, he had not seen the individual who allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY.

FRANKLIN furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Birth Data	October 1, 1912, Houma, Louisiana
Height	5'6"
Weight	136 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark brown
Build	Slight
Marital Status	Single
Social Security Number	433-09-8920

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ACQUELINE SULLIVAN was contacted at [REDACTED] Apartment Number [REDACTED] advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interview was concerning the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SULLIVAN stated that at approximately 12:10 a.m., June 5, 1968, she and another "Kennedy girl" named CAROL BRESHEARS, left the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel where KENNEDY was speaking and went into an adjoining kitchen area, in order to stop getting pushed and shoved by the newsmen. SULLIVAN stated that since people had not been allowed out of the front door of the ballroom while they were waiting for KENNEDY to arrive, some people had used the adjoining hallway and kitchen as a means of getting drinks and as a means for getting to a restroom. SULLIVAN stated that she noted at that time that the kitchen doors were wide open because it was hot in the Embassy Room. SULLIVAN stated that the only persons she noticed in the hallway and kitchen were hotel employees in their white uniforms and some men dressed in suits and ladies with dresses who were grouped around a monitor in the hallway.

SULLIVAN stated that she was next to a refrigerator (on the left side of the hallway as one faced the kitchen) when KENNEDY passed by at approximately 12:15 a.m. and was proceeding to shake hands with the kitchen help who had lined up on the left side of the hallway to greet him. SULLIVAN stated that an unidentified man then asked her if KENNEDY had passed by yet. SULLIVAN then replied "yes" to the unidentified man and then pointed to where KENNEDY was standing. At that instant she heard sounds like "pop, pop, pop, pop" in a rapid succession and she saw KENNEDY and another man fall to the ground. SULLIVAN stated that she did not see who shot KENNEDY and that she did not see any gun that may have been used to shoot KENNEDY.

SULLIVAN stated that pandemonium broke loose and that her primary concern was for her safety because people were pushing and shoving. SULLIVAN stated that she did see an

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unidentified male completely surrounded by some of the men of the KENNEDY entourage, but she has no idea as to his description or identity.

SULLIVAN stated that she had seen pictures of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on TV and in newspapers but that she could not recall seeing him at the hotel at any time prior to the shooting of KENNEDY and she could not recall seeing him at any of the prior KENNEDY rallies which she attended as a "Kennedy girl".

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GEORGE GREEN, a KENNEDY campaigner, was contacted at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and that the interview was concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

GREEN stated that he was in attendance when KENNEDY was speaking at 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968, at the Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. GREEN stated that just as KENNEDY finished speaking, GREEN left the Embassy Room, went down stairs to a lower kitchen and was headed for the upper kitchen area adjoining the Embassy Room.

GREEN stated that just before he came through the upper kitchen area doorway he heard popping sounds which seemed to GREEN to be firecrackers. GREEN stated that the sound continued as he came through the doorway.

GREEN stated that once inside the kitchen door, he noticed a woman in her 20's with long blond free flowing hair in a polka dot dress and a light colored sweater and a man 5'11", thin build, black hair and in his 20's. GREEN stated that this man and woman were running with their backs toward him, and they were attempting to get out of the kitchen area. GREEN stated that the reason he noticed them was that they were the only ones who seemed to be trying to get out of the kitchen area while everyone else seemed to be trying to get into the kitchen area.

GREEN stated that he then jumped up on top of a food preparation table to try to assist RAIFER JOHNSON and ROOSEVELT GRIER who were subduing the male, who had a gun in his hand. GREEN stated that after the male had been subdued, GREEN was still on the food preparation table, and that he then saw KENNEDY lying on the floor, and GREEN realized that KENNEDY had been shot.

GREEN stated that he had not actually seen the shooting of KENNEDY, and that he had never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any of the prior KENNEDY rallies that GREEN had attended.

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Miss SUSANNE LOCKE, 6545 South Victoria Street,
Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

She was a volunteer worker for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during his campaign and was attending the election returns party in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968. While Senator KENNEDY was speaking, she was stationed at a position near the rear of the stage on the right side as one faces the stage, with a friend, ACQUILINE SULLIVAN, who had hurt her foot. It was late in the evening and when Senator KENNEDY finished speaking, she and ACQUILINE had moved into the kitchen area where Senator KENNEDY was subsequently shot. She and ACQUILINE had stepped onto a shelf-like ledge about four feet off the floor on the west side of the kitchen area. Also present in this area at the time were about four or five white jacketed hotel employees. As Senator KENNEDY passed by with his party, he was surrounded by friends and newspapermen. She turned to ACQUILINE and commented about how happy Mr. KENNEDY looked. After the KENNEDY party had passed, she heard cracking noises which sounded like exploding fire-crackers. She immediately realized, however, that the sounds were gunshot sounds and they were in rapid succession, a total of about eight or ten shots. At this specific time, she had lost sight of Senator KENNEDY. The gun sounds appeared to come from her left and she immediately jumped to the floor. She does not recall seeing anyone with a gun; and people immediately began pushing into the kitchen area from the Embassy Room, apparently attracted by the noise and excitement. Her friend, ACQUILINE, was having difficulty trying to get to the floor and she attempted to grab hold of her.

LOCKE noticed several men lying on the floor, one with blood on his forehead--his eyes open and staring, but she did not recognize any of these individuals on the floor as Senator KENNEDY. Another individual in her immediate vicinity, a woman whom she did not know, had blood on her head and appeared to be stumbling backwards. She was attempting to get help from her friend ACQUILINE but had lost sight of her and her other thought was to attempt to reach the gunman who had done the

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shooting. Somehow, she got turned around as people were pushing in all directions and was headed back toward the Embassy Room. Someone was apparently trying to close the double doors leading to the Embassy Room, but she was successful in getting out of the kitchen area and into a room behind the stage. She sat down and someone gave her a cigarette.

She does not recall seeing Senator KENNEDY after the shooting but believes that she may have seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the hotel earlier in the evening; however, she is not sure of this. She recalls seeing a girl in the Embassy Room, just before Senator KENNEDY entered to speak, stationed near her immediate vicinity wearing a white shift with blue polka dots. She observed that the girl was not wearing a yellow press badge and thought that this to be very unusual since it was necessary to have such a badge to gain entry into the Embassy Room. She mentioned this to CAROL BRESHEARS who is in charge of the KENNEDY girls and Mrs. BRESHEARS pointed her out to a guard nearby. The girl was expressionless and seemed somewhat out of place where she was standing. She was a Caucasian in her early twenties, well proportioned, with long brown hair pulled back and tied behind her head. Her hair appeared to be dried out similar in appearance to hair of a girl who does a lot of swimming.

LOCKE is not acquainted with SIRHAN or his family and has no knowledge of any motive for shooting Senator KENNEDY. She realizes that many people were opposed to Senator KENNEDY as a presidential candidate, but does not consider this to be unusual.

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b7D [REDACTED] Los Angeles County Human Relations
[REDACTED] Hall of Records, 320 West Temple,
Los Angeles, California, advised SAs [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] on June 6, 1968, that one of his
field workers, DARNELL JOHNSON, had witnessed the shooting
of Senator KENNEDY, and had seen a woman in a polka-dot dress
b7D [REDACTED] at the scene. [REDACTED] had JOHNSON come to his office for
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DARNELL JOHNSON. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] extension [REDACTED] advised he lives at [REDACTED] California, telephone [REDACTED] and works 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He was interviewed at his office. Also present was [REDACTED] Rampart Detective Division, Los Angeles Police Department.

DARNELL JOHNSON advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel the night that Senator KENNEDY was shot. He saw KENNEDY complete his speech just before the shooting and start off the back side of the platform where the speech was made. JOHNSON walked around the platform to the narrow space in the serving area where the shooting took place and got there before KENNEDY. Already present in this area were five people described as follows:

- (1) A white female wearing a white dress, with 25¢ size black pokadots; the dress was fitted, was not miniskirt but was above the knees; was not a loose shift but was fashionable for the time. She was 23-25 years of age, tall, 5'8", medium build, well built, 145 pounds, long light brown hair, carrying an all white sweater or jacket, pretty full face, stubby heel shoes in the fashion of the time.
- (2) A person whom JOHNSON identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN from photographs shown at the time of this interview and further as the person he saw who was seized immediately following the shooting by persons in the area.
- (3) A white male, wearing a light blue washable sport coat, white shirt and tie, 6'1", tall, slim, 30-35 years, blond hair parted far over on the left side with the right side long and hanging towards his face like a surfer haircut, outdoor type.

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- (4) A white male, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, trim, 24-25 years of age, brown, long hair but not hippie, dark coat, darker trousers, white shirt and tie.
- (5) A white male, 6'1", tall, slim, darkish brown hair, shiny brown sport coat made of hopsacking, white shirt and tie.

These people were standing in a group between JOHNSON and the door through which KENNEDY came to make his way to the next ballroom for another speech. This is the same area where he was shot.

JOHNSON states these people were standing in proximity to each other; he says they were "together" but he states he has no knowledge they knew each other, were talking to each other or were members of the same party.

As the KENNEDY party entered this area, balloons were being broken, some small firecrackers were being set off and JOHNSON was not aware of any difficulties or any trouble until he saw a woman slump against the wall and say, "Oh my God, Oh my God." JOHNSON still did not realize what had happened but saw a furor around the KENNEDY party. At this time a photographer with lights on his camera took a picture of someone on the floor, who turned out to be KENNEDY. This photographer then put the lights up to take a picture of the persons standing and when his lights showed on SIRHAN, the photographer said, "Grab him, that dude has a gun." This was the first time that JOHNSON realized there had been a shooting. YARO

Just at this point, the woman in the polka dot dress and the three men in her area left and walked toward the ballroom from where the KENNEDY party had just come. Several people seized SIRHAN and began beating on him. The crowd pressed around him and hit at him whenever they could. While SIRHAN was being held and before police arrived, the girl in the polka dot dress and the one man in the light blue washable sport coat came back and looked, then both left again. JOHNSON followed the persons who took SIRHAN out of this area and when

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he got back to the ballroom, he saw the girl in the polka dot dress talking to a white female Mexican near the podium where KENNEDY had just been speaking. This white female Mexican was 19 to 20 years of age, plump, 5'2"-5'5", long black hair, full pleated dress, avocado color, part of the KENNEDY group; JOHNSON assumed she was a Youth Campaign Manager.

JOHNSON did not see any of the others again and did not see the girl in the polka dot dress again after seeing her on the podium.

JOHNSON was shown a photograph by [REDACTED] of a white female, CHERYL WESSELS, Los Angeles Police Department [REDACTED] and could not positively identify her as the girl he saw in the polka dot dress, although he felt the profile looked similar. DARNELL JOHNSON then said he believed he could identify photographs of the girl in the polka dot dress and the man in the light blue sport coat.

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Mr. BILL HILL, Executive Producer, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised on June 5, 1968, that NBC had filmed and had broadcasted the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. HILL said that no NBC personnel assigned to the coverage of this activity witnessed the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and no film of the actual shooting was made by NBC.

Mr. HILL said NBC personnel filmed the activities prior to the shooting, KENNEDY's speech, and KENNEDY's departure from the speaker's rostrum. After the shooting, the NBC personnel followed into the corridor behind the rostrum and filmed activity involved in the aftermath of the shooting.

Mr. HILL said NBC currently had only the original news film which was then being aired as part of NBC's continuing news coverage of the event. He said NBC would make a copy of the film for the FBI and would make it available on June 6, 1968.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HILL made available a copy of the above-mentioned NBC film. Mr. HILL additionally identified NBC personnel who participated in making the news film as follows:

PIERS ANDERTON, News Commentator;
JAMES P. WATT, JR., Cameraman;
EUGENE COFFEE, Soundman;
CHRISTOPHER MICHON, Coordinator.

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Mr. PIERS ANDERTON, News Commentator, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He resides at [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, and is employed by NBC, Los Angeles, California, as a news commentator. He was the news commentator assigned the NBC coverage of the California election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968 and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. ANDERTON said that neither he nor the other members of the NBC crew at the hotel observed the actual shooting. He commented that KENNEDY departed through a door behind the rostrum, and it was then observed that a commotion of some sort was taking place. He and the camera crew followed into the corridor behind the rostrum. By the time he and the crew had arrived, Senator KENNEDY had been shot and was on the floor of the corridor.

ANDERTON said he and the crew concentrated on KENNEDY and he did not notice or observe the individual suspected as having shot KENNEDY. ANDERTON said he noted nothing significant or unusual and could furnish no additional information pertinent to this inquiry.

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Mr. JAMES P. WATT, JR., Cameraman, NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, advised as follows:

He resides at [REDACTED] California, telephone [REDACTED] and is employed as a cameraman by NBC News. He was the news cameraman who filmed the election activities of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which took place at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968.

Mr. WATT said that neither he nor the other personnel assigned the NBC News team were in a position to observe the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY. WATT said that the camera crew anticipated that KENNEDY would depart the Embassy room via the same door through which he entered, and were setting up in anticipation of this departure. However, rather than using this door, the Senator departed the room by using a doorway directly behind the speaker's rostrum. Shortly after the Senator departed the doorway and was out of the view of NBC personnel, it was noted that some activity was taking place beyond the doorway. He and the other NBC personnel rushed into the area and observed that the Senator was on the floor of the corridor and was bleeding from the head. The crew and the camera concentrated on the Senator. WATT does not recall seeing the suspect who shot KENNEDY.

WATT said he could furnish no additional, pertinent information concerning the shooting.

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On June 8, 1968, THOMAS PEREZ furnished the following information including this signed statement:

"I, Thomas Perez, make the free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I live at [redacted] Los Angeles, home phone [redacted] and am a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel 3400 Wilshire Blvd. LA. On the night of 6/4/68 I came to work at 5:50 PM and punched out about 2:48 AM 6/5/68. I was assigned to the Embassy room during Senator Kennedy's speech. My post was the first swinging door to the left of the stage as Senator Kennedy faced the guests in the Embassy room. It was my understanding that when the Senator finished his speech he was to come through the door I was on and turn left down the hallway behind the stage. As soon as the Senator finished his speech a superior of mine, whom I don't recall, told me to close my door and keep the people out. About a minute after the senator finished his speech I heard about seven shots all in a row, all in about three seconds. The crowd was starting to force there way through my door before the shots and I was busy keeping them back and did not see which way the Senator went after his speech nor did I see the shooting or the suspect.

"When I heard the shots I turned toward the swinging doors leading into the Pantry and saw a women bleeding from the head. She was still standing at these swinging doors and I helped her back into the Embassy room and a doctor, whom I don't know, asked me to get some ice, which I did. I did not go into the Pantry until about fifteen minutes later and everything was over with in there except the Los Angeles Police Officers were interviewing people in there.

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"As I said above I didn't see the shooting as I was too busy keeping the crowd from coming through my post.

"I have readed the above and it is true to the bast of my knowledge

"S/-Thomas Perez

"Witness:

S/ [REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Los Angeles
S/ [REDACTED] Special Agent FBI, La 6/8/68"

PEREZ advised that the woman whom he helped into the Embassy Room was named Mrs. ELIZABETH EVANS. He stated, after he got her ice, he went and found her shoes and purse and brought them to her.

He furnished the following information on himself:

Date of Birth	March 6, 1907
Place of Birth	El Paso, Texas
Height	5'11"
Weight	165
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]

He stated he has been a Security Guard at the Ambassador Hotel since November, 1967.

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Mr. UNO TIMANSON, Vice President, Banquet and Sales, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at the hotel and furnished the following information:

Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, and went immediately to the Royal Suite. At approximately 11:45 p.m., he instructed EDDIE MANASIAN, one of the assistant maitre d's, to hold the north elevator so that Senator KENNEDY could go down to the Embassy Room to make his victory statement.

He was escorting the Senator to the elevator and when they were only two or three feet from the elevator, the Senator decided not to go through the crowds that were in the hallways but to use the service elevator.

They took the service elevator to the kitchen level and he, TIMANSON, led the way for the Senator into the Embassy Room.

The Embassy Room was completely crowded at the time and he, TIMANSON, was concerned that too many people might get up on the platform and cause it to collapse.

After the Senator had completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he was preparing to lead the Senator down to the Ambassador Room through the enclosed stairway. Just before the Senator's speech was completed, FRED DUTTON, one of the Senator's aides, asked TIMANSON if there were television sets in the Ambassador Room, and TIMANSON told him there were. It was then decided that the Senator would visit the Press Room to make a press release. TIMANSON escorted the Senator and his party through the hallway behind the Embassy Room and into the pantry area.

TIMANSON stated that he was approximately six feet ahead of the Senator when he heard what sounded like a fire cracker. He heard the sound three or four times in quick order and he thought it was some sort of celebration.

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Immediately, however, TIMANSON observed that Senator KENNEDY was down on the floor in front of the big ice machine located in the pantry. At this time, there were numerous screams and pandemonium broke out in the immediate area.

Mr. MURPHY, one of the hotel security guards, told TIMANSON that he had called an ambulance but TIMANSON wanted to make sure and he ran into the Colonial Room in an effort to contact the operator but was unsuccessful. He was assured by the people present that an ambulance had been called and was on the way. Mr. TIMANSON stated that from the time of the shots to this time when he was inquiring about an ambulance was just a matter of seconds.

He ran immediately to the kitchen steps and took the steps down to the Casino level and out to the back ramp to the outside of the hotel to await the arrival of the ambulance. The ambulance arrived in a very few minutes and he escorted the ambulance attendants to the area where Senator KENNEDY was lying.

Senator KENNEDY was taken by the ambulance attendants to the ambulance almost immediately. TIMANSON attempted to ride in the ambulance but was not allowed. He rode on the back of a motorcycle following the ambulance to the hospital.

Mr. TIMANSON advised that he did not see the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and he did not observe the individual holding the gun at the time of the shooting.

He did observe the individual who was being held down by several people following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and has seen photographs in the newspapers and appearances on television of the individual accused of the crime. The individual he observed in the newspapers and on television is the same individual he observed being held down following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. ANGELO DI PIERRO [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, telephone Number [REDACTED] was interviewed at the
Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, where he is employed
as the maitre d' hotel.

He furnished the following information, including the
signed statement set out below:

"June 7, 1968
Los Angeles, California

"I, Angelo Di Pierro, hereby furnish the following
voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has
identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised
that I could be required to testify in court regarding
this matter.

"I was born 10/27/21, Furci Province of Chieti,
Italy. I have been in the United States since May 7,
1936. I received my naturalization papers in May of
1954. I am the Maitre D' Hotel at the Ambassador
Hotel. I have had this position approximately two years.

"At approximately 12:10 am, 6/5/68, I was in the
Embassy Room at the hotel. Senator Robert F. Kennedy
was on the platform talking to the people in the room.

"Senator completed his talk a few minutes later.
Just prior to the time he completed his talk, I moved
out of the Embassy Room to the hallway at the rear of
the room.

"The Senator was suppose to come through the door
located immediately next to the platform and into the
hallway were I was located.

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"The Senator went out a door located immediately behind the platform, turned right and walked down the hallway to the pantry.

"As Senator Kennedy passed by me in the hallway he was being escorted by Mr. UNO TIMANSON, a vice president of the hotel, and two of my assistants, Karl UECKER and Edward MINASIAN. Mr. UNO TIMANSON was leading the way.

"As soon as Senator Kennedy passed, Mrs. Kennedy came out into the hallway where I was standing. She was being accompanied by Mr. Roosevelt Grier. Grier was behind Mrs. Kennedy and to her left. I took a similar position to her right. We followed behind the people following Senator Kennedy.

"Shortly after Senator Kennedy entered the pantry, while we were still in the hallway, two shots rang out. A few seconds later several shots rang out as in rapid fire.

"At this time we were at the doorway to the pantry. One door was opened (the left door) and a lady was partially blocking the door. I began to push the lady out of the way to allow Mrs. Kennedy to pass. The lady crumbled to the floor and I assumed she had been shot. I immediately pushed Mrs. Kennedy to the floor behind the closed door and I got down next to her. I did this because I thought there might be more gunfire. However, there was no more gunfire.

"I immediately got up and ran into the pantry and I noticed two men lying down on the floor and one of them was Senator Kennedy.

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"I ran into the kitchen to telephone for an ambulance. I was told the call had already been made.

"I returned to the shooting scene to control the people. Camerman were taking pictures.

"I noticed that a man was held down on the heating table in the pantry. I did not see this man's face as I was busy attempting to control the people.

"After a few minutes, approximately 8 minutes, Senator Kennedy and the other wounded were taken out of the hotel by ambulance attendants.

"I have seen newspaper photographs and TV shows showing the individual accused of shooting Senator Kennedy. I do not recall having seen this individual before.

"I have read this statement of this page and 3 other pages. It is true and correct.

"/s/ Angelo Di Pierro

"Witness:

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Mr. DI PIERRO began work at approximately 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968.

The Embassy Room, Ambassador Room, Sunset Room, North Room, and Colonial Room (used as a Press Room) were set aside for Senator KENNEDY. The Venetian Room was set up for Mr. MAX RAFFERTY, and the Palm Court Room was set up for Mr. ALAN CRANSTON.

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DI PIERRO's duties require him to move throughout the hotel during the day.

The rooms assigned to Senator KENNEDY began filling up with people at approximately 6:00 p.m. At first the people were allowed in only if they had a badge for the particular candidate. About 7:00 p.m. word was received to allow anyone in that so desired. This was later revoked and only those with proper press credentials were allowed into the rooms. A security guard was stationed at the entrance to the Embassy Ballroom and later in the evening a security guard was stationed at the kitchen entrance. DI PIERRO could not recall the times that these guards took up their specific stations. There was also a security guard located inside the fire escape door on the level which houses the Ambassador Room. There was no security guard on the fire escape staircase that leads from the Ambassador Room level to the Embassy Room level. He believes that the fire escape door on the Embassy Room level was open the latter part of the evening of June 4, 1968.

Senator KENNEDY was supposed to leave the platform in the Embassy Room and go into the hallway behind the Embassy Room and down an enclosed stairway to the Ambassador Room level to speak to people in the Ambassador Room. Someone changed the plans and decided that Senator KENNEDY would proceed to the Press Room to make a press release.

This route would require him to pass through the pantry area of the hotel.

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ROSS-MATTHEW MILLER, JR. M.D., a surgeon with offices at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] residence at [REDACTED] Compton, California, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at his office.

He advised that he is also a Compton City councilman and is president of the Compton Union High School Board and that he and his wife IRIS head up the Compton KENNEDY Headquarters, and he is a member of the Democratic delegation.

Doctor MILLER stated that on June 4, 1968, he arrived at the Ambassador Hotel between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m., accompanied by his wife. They visited with democratic delegate members and Mrs. CRANSTON and other persons during the evening, mostly on the floor level below the Embassy Room.

During the victory speech made by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was with his wife and numerous other persons watching the speech on television in a small dining room located one floor below the Embassy Room. He stated that after the speech and almost simultaneously with the television announcement that someone had been shot, someone ran past the room he was in and shouted "KENNEDY has been shot". He stated that he then asked some persons just outside that dining room if they had been upstairs and what the situation was, but could learn nothing.

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He then went upstairs to the Embassy Room level by the nearest stairway and attempted to go into the Press Room next to the Embassy Room. However, a security guard would not let him enter the Press Room. He stated that an unknown individual was permitted by the guard to

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enter the Press Room, and he pushed his way in with this individual.

He said the attention of people in the Press Room was directed to the doorway leading to a kitchen access hallway and at that time he saw uniformed policemen and men dressed in plain clothes who may or may not have been policemen, bringing a man forcefully out of this hallway into the Press Room and whom he now believes looks like the photographs he later saw of the suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN.

He stated that he then pushed his way through that doorway from the Press Room into the kitchen access hallway behind the Embassy Room, and there he saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY lying on the floor on his back being attended by some unidentified people.

He stated that he took Mr. KENNEDY's pulse, which he estimated was 130 beats per minute and did not consider this to be critical and by the fact he was being attended by someone, he left to attend to another man, PAUL SCHRADE, who was lying on the floor closer to the Press Room door and also checked his pulse. SCHRADE's pulse was good, and he then examined the wound high above the forehead in the hair line area at the center of the head and checked the back of the head to see if there was an exit wound and found none. He stated that the blood on Mr. SCHRADE's face and wound was clotting and bleeding had apparently stopped, so he directed his attention back to Mr. KENNEDY.

He stated that he asked the man who was attending Mr. KENNEDY if he was a physician and either that man or someone else attending KENNEDY affirmed he was a physician, and Doctor MILLER believing Mr. KENNEDY was as well attended as circumstances permitted, returned to Mr. SCHRADE.

He stated he does not know the identity of the physician who was then attending Mr. KENNEDY and does not believe he could identify him if he should meet him face to face because of the turmoil, excitement, and the fleeting seconds he was there.

He stated that a stretcher was brought in, upon which Mr. KENNEDY was placed and removed from the kitchen.

access hallway, and he went back to Mr. SCHRADE and then quickly looked at a young boy 18 or 19 years of age who had a non-critical wound in the thigh and also a grown man who was more critically wounded in the stomach, but not in danger of expiring immediately. He said he then went back to Mr. SCHRADE and helped put him into a stretcher, which had been brought in and accompanied him in the ambulance to Central Receiving Hospital, where upon arrival he directed an unknown doctor and nurses to the immediate attention of Mr. SCHRADE's wound.

Doctor MILLER said he then went to Mr. KENNEDY's room which was either adjoining Mr. SCHRADE's room or next to a service room which did adjoin Mr. SCHRADE's room and saw Senator KENNEDY being attended and noticed that Mrs. KENNEDY was also there holding her husband by the arm. He overheard hospital people discussing whether or not to remove Mrs. KENNEDY, but a nurse stated that she was not causing any disruption in his treatment and permitted her to remain.

He said Mr. KENNEDY was placed in a respirator and that he helped the other doctors administer Dextran intravenously this being a blood replacement to keep volume up until whole blood could be administered. Albumen was also being administered along with the Dextran fluid by insertion of a needle permitting the albumen to flow into the same tubing by which the Dextran was being administered. He stated that the albumen needle had come out of the Dextran tubing whereupon he cleaned this needle and replaced it into the Dextran tubing.

He stated that shortly thereafter he assisted in lifting Senator KENNEDY into a stretcher as he was being transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital and continued assisting until he was placed into an ambulance for this transfer.

He stated that he then returned to Mr. SCHRADE's room and saw that he was being well attended, whereupon he departed the hospital and upon coming out the front entrance he saw numerous news men and asked for a ride back to the Ambassador Hotel and was invited to ride with two unidentified men.

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Doctor MILLER stated that he did not notice anyone or anything at the hotel prior to the shooting whom he now would suspect had anything whatever to do with the shooting. He said he has no information whatever regarding the suspect who is now in custody and did not notice him or anyone resembling him prior to the shooting, and saw no one fleeing the shooting area whom he would connect with the shooting.

Doctor MILLER further stated that there were numerous persons whom he can identify, members of the delegation and others whom he knows by name who were at the Ambassador Hotel and that he and his wife could prepare an extensive list of these persons which he would furnish when completed.

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PETER SPENCER BERKSON, age 19½, residence, [REDACTED], telephone Number [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence. BERKSON advised he is a student at Pierce Junior College, Woodland Hills, California, and is employed as a box boy, part time, at the Food Fair Market, Tarzana, California. He further added that he is a professional free-lance photographer, as are his father, ALBERT BERKSON, of the same address, and his brother, DENNIS BERKSON, who resides [REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED] California, telephone Number [REDACTED]. BERKSON advised that he went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at approximately 10:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, to photograph Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory celebration. He advised he carried a 35 millimeter still camera with a "strobe light" flash attachment and was shooting color film.

BERKSON advised he took some general photographs of the Embassy Room at the hotel prior to Senator KENNEDY's arrival in the room and also took photographs of KENNEDY during his victory speech.

BERKSON advised that he followed KENNEDY and his group as they left the stage and was approximately twenty feet from him as they approached the doors to a kitchen located off the Embassy Room.

BERKSON advised that he could not recall exactly the next few minutes of activity; however, he recalled that as KENNEDY was about to enter the kitchen, he observed a female Caucasian run hurriedly away from the hallway or possibly out of the kitchen and heard her yell, "fire". He advised that the woman appeared to be in her late twenties or early thirties, was huskily built, had reddish brown hair, and was wearing a navy blue dress. He advised the woman appeared panicky as she ran from the area of the kitchen door. He could not recall her to be wearing any hat or glasses or any political campaign paraphernalia. BERKSON advised he did not further observe this woman; however, he believed that she was possibly photographed by the television and movie cameras which were following Senator KENNEDY's movements as he left the Embassy Room.

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BERKSON advised that about this time, he heard what sounded like two gunshots from the area outside the kitchen door. He could not recall if there were additional gunshots as there was loud screaming and yelling from the approximately 25 - 50 people located in the area from which the shots were fired. BERKSON stated that after hearing the shots, he immediately held the camera over his head and took several photographs of the area from which the shots came. He stated that he did not observe the individual who fired the shots nor did he observe the alleged assassin, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, or his apprehension following the attack; however, he indicated he may have possibly photographed him in the series of photographs he took. BERKSON stated that he did not observe Senator KENNEDY at the time he was shot; however, he did observe and photograph him while he was lying on the floor. He advised that he observed Senator KENNEDY moving his mouth but could not discern what Senator KENNEDY was saying.

He advised that he observed another man who was apparently a victim of the same attack which felled Senator KENNEDY. He observed this man lying on the floor near the kitchen and observed that this man was bleeding profusely from the back of his head.

BERKSON advised that he remained at the hotel until approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 5, 1968. He advised that after shooting all of his film, he assisted his brother, DENNIS, who was, in turn, working as an assistant to one of the NBC newsreel photographers covering the event.

BERKSON advised that he returned home and his father called the Time-Life Magazine in New York City, New York, regarding the film taken by him, PETER BERKSON.

BERKSON advised that his father then delivered the film to the Life Magazine office in Beverly Hills, California, where the film was developed. BERKSON advised he was paid \$750

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by Life Magazine for the film and that the film was subsequently forwarded to Time-Life Magazine, New York City, New York. He advised the film was sent to RICHARD POLLARD, Life Photo Editor, Time and Life Building, New York, and that this individual would have copies or knowledge of the film.

BERKSON advised that his father left the Ambassador Hotel prior to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY; however, his brother, DENNIS, was present at the hotel at the time and could possibly furnish information concerning events relating to the assassination.

BERKSON advised that the film he shot in connection with Senator KENNEDY's assassination was now the property of Time-Life Magazine and that he presently had no photographs, prints, or negatives of the film he shot.

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Date 6/6/68

RALPH ELMORE, [REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED]
North Hollywood, California, furnished the following information:

He is employed as a television engineer for the American Broadcasting Company and was on duty on the evening of June 4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, covering the election program involving ROBERT KENNEDY. He was situated most of the evening in the vicinity of the podium in what he believed to be the Embassy Room, and KENNEDY talked to the crowd shortly before midnight that evening.

Following KENNEDY's talk, he followed the KENNEDY party to the rear of the podium. The group turned right into a kitchen area located at the right rear of the podium, and he followed the group, carrying a microphone in one hand and wearing an ear piece in his ear. He was aware that the eventual destination of the party was the downstairs Ambassador Room but was not aware of the intended route the group planned to take to get to this room. He was of the impression that ROBERT KENNEDY was directly in front of him but found out later that it was actually PAUL SCHRADE. When the group entered the kitchen, he estimated that there were approximately twenty people in the kitchen, which included the KENNEDY party and several hotel employees. He then heard four sounds in rapid succession that sounded like Chinese firecrackers exploding. The next thing he knew, a man was lying on the floor directly beneath him on his back and the man's face was covered with blood. He thought at the instant this man was ROBERT KENNEDY and immediately linked elbows with several individuals in the immediate vicinity in an attempt to hold back the crowds that had been attracted by the noise to the kitchen area and were attempting to enter the kitchen. A fellow worker, an electrician, was successful in getting GOLDSTEIN and WILLIAM WEISEL out of the way so that they would not be trampled by the crowds. GOLDSTEIN had been struck in the leg, and WEISEL in the abdomen by bullets.

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He then became aware that the crowd was giving most of their attention to a man lying on the floor in front of the ice machine and then realized that this person must be ROBERT KENNEDY. He had the impression that about 25 or 30 feet in front of him there was a hand resting on a serving table holding a small barreled gun pointed directly at him and that it was "spitting flame". He lost sight of the hand and the gun and does not recall actually seeing the individual holding the gun.

He and several others had continued to attempt to hold back the crowd from the kitchen area by linking elbows, and he remembers one of these individuals as being a large Negro. He also recalls that about this time some man came charging toward him swinging his arms, and shortly thereafter several of KENNEDY's assistants arrived on the scene to render assistance to Mr. KENNEDY. He then realized that the man on the floor at his feet was PAUL SCHRADE, and he was subsequently successful in transporting SCHRADE and WEISEL down the freight elevator to an ambulance.

He does not know and has no recollection of seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel. He saw SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper later in the day.

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JODIE SAMS, Steward's Assistant, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with residence at [REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, advised that he was working at the conveyor at the coffee shop in the basement of the hotel on Monday night, June 3, 1968. Sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on that date an individual walking in the corridor adjacent to the conveyor asked SAMS how he could get out of the building. SAMS told this individual if he was a guest in the hotel he could proceed on down to the main lobby and then out of the building. However, if he was an employee or a tradesman he should turn around and continue through the corridor to the rear parking lot. The individual mumbled something to the effect, "I'll go this way" and proceeded in the direction of the main lobby of the hotel.

SAMS stated the individual did not appear to be a guest as he was dressed shabbily and had dirty gray trousers. SAMS particularly noted that the seat of the trousers were unusually dirty. SAMS stated he took this individual to be a Mexican because he was swarthy and had what at the time SAMS thought was a Mexican accent but definitely an accent of some type.

SAMS stated that on Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968, after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he saw a picture of the alleged assailant in one of the Los Angeles newspapers and recognized this individual as looking very much like the individual who had questioned him as to directions in the basement of the hotel on Monday night, June 3, 1968.

SAMS described the individual to whom he had given directions on Monday night, June 3, 1968 as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Possibly Mexican
Age	Mid 20's
Build	Slight
Height	Short of stature

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Complexion
Hair

Swarthy
Bushy black hair

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Miss ROBIN KAREN CASDEN, age [REDACTED] Encino, California, telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as an agent of the FBI. At this time, in the presence of her mother, Mrs. BEATRICE CASDEN, Miss CASDEN furnished the following information relative to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

She is a fan of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and, accompanied by three of her friends, went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, in order to hear Senator KENNEDY's speech. She was accompanied to the Ambassador Hotel by her girl friend, CORKY MC MAHON, who resides at [REDACTED] Encino, California. CORKY's boy friend, SCOTT HOWARD, telephone number [REDACTED] and LAURIE PORTER, telephone number [REDACTED] CORKY does not have a telephone connected at the present time.

Miss CASDEN recalled that she and her friends arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:30 p.m., and went to the ballroom. They arrived at the doors of the ballroom at approximately 8:35 p.m., but did not go in. They were unable to get into the ballroom inasmuch as there were people at the door checking for press cards. She and the others in her group, at this point, saw LAURIE's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER. JERRY PORTER was recently elected a California State Senator. Mr. and Mrs. JERRY PORTER were also outside the ballroom attempting to get in. Inasmuch as they were unable to get into the ballroom, she, CORKY and LAURIE went to the kitchen area and slipped in and went straight through the kitchen. SCOTT also accompanied them. No one checked them in the kitchen or at the kitchen door leading to the ballroom.

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She did not recall seeing any guards in the kitchen or at the kitchen door. She actually entered the ballroom about 8:45 to 8:50 p.m. There were several hundred people milling around in the room. She noticed a small group of singers and musicians on the platform. This group also moved around the ballroom entertaining the people. When Miss CASDEN and her friends actually got into the ballroom, they met IRA GOLDSTEIN and had a short conversation with him. IRA then walked on mingling with other people. CORKY and SCOTT decided to stay in one place and wait for the speech of ROBERT KENNEDY.

LAURIE and ROBIN just walked around and talked to various people. Later, LAURIE and ROBIN separated. Miss CASDEN noticed that although people were checking the other doors to the ballroom, she did not see anyone guarding or checking people entering from the kitchen door, and many people came through the kitchen into the ballroom.

She recalled that Senator KENNEDY came into the ballroom about 11:45 p.m. CORKY and SCOTT were still sitting in chairs close to the news telephones. Miss CASDEN kept going back and forth to talk with CORKY and SCOTT. She met IRA GOLDSTEIN again and began wandering around with him observing the activities. Miss CASDEN did not see Senator KENNEDY come into the ballroom. She saw him first on the speakers' platform. During Senator KENNEDY's speech she and IRA went back to the kitchen to get a sandwich, as some man who passed her mentioned that there were sandwiches in the kitchen. They decided to make a quick trip to the kitchen to get a sandwich and come back and listen to the rest of Senator KENNEDY's speech. Miss CASDEN and IRA went to the kitchen; they observed no sandwiches. She recalled that there were several people in the kitchen in addition to hotel employees. She recalled seeing two waiters and another employee cleaning tables. She recalled seeing a person in the rear of the kitchen area who may possibly have been the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN. At that time, she was just vaguely aware of this individual in the rear of

the kitchen. She recalled this person as having dark hair and appearing to be of Mexican extraction. She recalled that he was not wearing a suit; however, she could not remember the type of clothing this person actually was wearing. She stated that she had seen a photograph of the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN, but was unable to state definitely that the person in the rear of the kitchen was or was not identical to SIRHAN SIRHAN.

She also noted there were several men in suits in the kitchen area and one or two women. She was unable to recall any specific details or descriptive data on these individuals. Her impression is that this all occurred in two or three minutes. Then Senator KENNEDY came into the kitchen from the ballroom with his party. She and IRA GOLDSTEIN stepped back out of his path. Senator KENNEDY was shaking hands with people. He shook hands with a waiter near Miss CASDEN and then approached her. He smiled and shook her hand and passed on, taking about three steps. At this point, Miss CASDEN heard two separate consecutive noises, resembling a cap gun shot. Someone fell against Miss CASDEN at this point and then she heard the rest of the shots. The shots came in a jerky, but rapid manner. She realized that they were shots after the person fell against her. She recalled that there was a lull between the first two shots and the remainder of the shots. During this lull, the individual who fell against her continued to the floor. The lull appeared to her as only four or five seconds. The shots commenced again and she heard a woman scream. Miss CASDEN moved to the side toward the wall to avoid the shots and then continued her movement to leave the kitchen area. Later, after reflection of the circumstances, she thought perhaps the person who fell against her after the first two shots and then fell on the floor may have been Senator KENNEDY. At any rate, it was positively the person who was struck by the first two bullets.

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Miss CASDEN stated that she did not observe the person who actually did the shooting. She made her way out of the kitchen into the ballroom in a matter of a few seconds. She was hysterical, but recognized her friends, CORKY and SCOTT, who tried to calm her. SCOTT left to see what happened and CORKY stayed with Miss CASDEN and attempted to calm her and wipe some blood off her face. A plain-clothes man with a badge in his wallet came up and displayed the badge to Miss CASDEN and CORKY. This man seeing CORKY wiping the blood from Miss CASDEN's face asked if she had been shot. She told him no. He asked if she wanted a doctor and CORKY said yes inasmuch as Miss CASDEN was still hysterical. The man immediately went and obtained something for Miss CASDEN to drink. She does not recall what it was. At this point, SCOTT came back and Miss CASDEN had calmed down by this time. The man with the badge had asked them to move out of the area, so they left. On the way out they saw LAURIE and another girl with her. LAURIE and this girl also left together.

Miss CASDEN stated that at the time of the shooting she was wearing a white sheer dress, with a white on white flower design. She recalled that the dress had several blood spots on it. She stated that she still has the dress but that it was washed and the spots removed.

Miss CASDEN described herself as 5'3", 120 pounds, hazel eyes, long brown hair, born June 1, 1952. She was observed to be Caucasian. Miss CASDEN stated that on the night of the KENNEDY shooting she was wearing her hair long in the back with a ponytail on top, with a white bow in front of her hair.

She recalled that the actual shooting took place at approximately 12:15 a.m., on the morning of June 5, 1968.

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She was unable to recall any further details of this matter at this time; however, she stated that sometime after the shooting, date, place or time unrecalled, LAURIE told her something to the effect that she (LAURIE) had possibly seen the suspect prior to the shooting and perhaps talking to a guard. Miss CASDEN was unable to say if LAURIE was kidding or just hysterical.

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Mrs. CAROL ANN BRESHEARS, [REDACTED] La Canada, California, was interviewed at Kennedy for President Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and she furnished the following information.

She has been a volunteer campaign worker for the KENNEDY Group for the past four months, and was in attendance at the election returns party at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. One of her paramount duties as a campaign worker involved taking charge of the KENNEDY Girls.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, she was in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel and had a number of the KENNEDY Girls stationed near the stage. Near midnight, awaiting the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, on the right side of the stage as one faces the stage, she noticed a girl on an elevated section which had been prepared for a television camera. This girl was seemingly out of place since she was wearing a white dress with MC CARTHY written over the dress in blue letters. She also noticed that the girl was not wearing a yellow press badge which was required of most of the individuals present in the Embassy Room. This girl was in her early 20's, between 125 to 130 pounds, and had shoulder length, dark hair.

Following his speech, which ended shortly after midnight, Senator KENNEDY exited from the stage through a curtained entrance in the rear of the stage and proceeded with his party toward the double doors leading to the kitchen area on the right rear section of the stage. She estimated that there were about ten persons in Senator KENNEDY's party which included his bodyguards, newspaper men and ROOSEVELT GRIER.

She was standing between the stage and the entrance to the double doors leading to the kitchen, about six or eight feet from these double doors. She spoke briefly to Senator KENNEDY as he passed with his party, and shortly after that, after he had passed through the double doors, she heard shots. The first two sounded like popping balloons, but the next eight

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shots sounded like gunshots, and they all sounded similar. She ran forward toward the kitchen area and believed that she saw Senator KENNEDY falling to the floor. There were about 20 people in the kitchen at the time, and she did not see anyone holding a gun or shooting a gun. She did notice three or four people who appeared to be scuffling in the kitchen area. She did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and does not know anything about this individual.

There was a lot of shooting and yelling going on in the room, and one woman came out of the kitchen area with blood on her head. She heard someone calling for a doctor and immediately proceeded to the press area on the other side of the stage in an attempt to find a telephone to call for a doctor. Several doctors were subsequently located in attendance and went back to the kitchen area to treat the injured. Later, she returned to the press area and obtained some ice to be used in treating the injured. Because of the crowd, she was unable to get into the kitchen area but managed to pass the ice through the crowd into the kitchen area. She did recall seeing Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with a lot of blood around his head. Another boy who had apparently been injured was seated in a chair in the kitchen area and was being treated.

She has no knowledge of why anyone would want to shoot ROBERT F. KENNEDY except that apparently someone did not wish to see him become President of the United States.

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Date 6/7/68

On June 5, 1968, Mr. ENRIQUE RABAGO; [REDACTED] Buena Park, California, accompanied by HUMPHREY CORDERO, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to furnish information they believed pertinent to the assault of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968.

Mr. RABAGO and Mr. CORDERO requested that they be interviewed together and this interview was conducted by [REDACTED] who identified himself to them as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. ENRIQUE RABAGO advised that on the Fourth of June 1968, he traveled to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, accompanied by his friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, to observe activities at the KENNEDY Election Headquarters. RABAGO stated that he and CORDERO arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in his, RABAGO's, panel truck at some time between the hours of 9 and 9:30 PM. Mr. RABAGO advised that he parked his panel truck several blocks from the Ambassador Hotel in that no closer parking spaces were available and he and CORDERO then proceeded to the front door of the Ambassador Hotel.

RABAGO advised that he and CORDERO were both dressed in casual clothing and because of this he hesitated to enter the main lobby of the hotel. He stated, however, that he and CORDERO did enter at CORDERO's urging, but became separated due to the large crowd approximately ten minutes after their arrival.

RABAGO stated that since he could not locate CORDERO, he returned to the porch area at the main entrance to the hotel where he hoped to locate him. RABAGO advised that upon arriving at the front porch, he noticed a great many people standing and talking about the election and RABAGO disclosed that he entered into a general conversation with a number of people standing there. Mr. RABAGO advised that it was at this time

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that he first observed an individual whom he later recognized to be identical with the individual whose picture appeared on the front page of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner on June 5, 1968. RABAGO advised that the local newspapers identified the individual in question as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. RABAGO advised that this individual was standing on the porch alone sipping from a drink and he stated that at this time he engaged this man in conversation concerning the election. RABAGO advised that he said to the individual, whom he later learned to be named SIRHAN, "Are we going to win?", and to this SIRHAN replied, "I think we're going to win." RABAGO said that he replied to SIRHAN, "I don't know, MC CARTHY is ahead now", to which SIRHAN replied, "Don't worry about him if he doesn't win, the son of a bitch, he is a millionaire and he doesn't need to win. He just wants to go to the White House but even if he wins he's not going to do anything for you or for me or for any of the poor people." RABAGO advised that this man continued talking to him and told him that "KENNEDY did not care about any poor people and merely sought to gain the Presidency for personal reasons." RABAGO advised also that this individual was apparently becoming very disgusted with Mr. KENNEDY and told him that "KENNEDY was going to buy the Presidency."

RABAGO stated at this point in the conversation, he was about to leave in disgust when his friend HUMPHREY CORDERO located him on the front porch. RABAGO stated CORDERO asked him where he had been and after explaining, CORDERO said to him, "Let's go back into the lobby". RABAGO stated that he replied to CORDERO in the negative in that his clothes were not adequate to which CORDERO replied, by turning to the individual, whom he later learned to be identical to SIRHAN and saying, "Look at my friend, he doesn't want to go in because of his clothing. What do you think of that?" RABAGO

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advised that to this comment the individual in question, replied, "We're voters. I can go in there like this. I just returned from the RAFFERTY Headquarters." RABAGO stated that SIRHAN then proceeded to relate an incident to HUMPHREY CORDERO that had occurred to him inside the RAFFERTY Campaign room. RABAGO disclosed that SIRHAN told CORDERO that he had gone in to order a drink and that the people in there had stared at him and obviously disliked him because of his clothing. RABAGO advised that he continued by telling CORDERO that the "big wheels" stared at him while he ordered a drink from the hostess and that he "showed them" by paying for his drink with a \$20 bill and leaving the change for the hostess. RABAGO stated further that SIRHAN told HUMPHREY that "Its the money you have got that counts, not the way you look".

RABAGO stated that at this point in the conversation, he walked towards the television monitor and that this was the last time in the evening that he saw this individual whom he later learned to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

RABAGO advised again that the individual in question was positively alone when he observed him and at no time did he ever see this man speaking with anyone but himself or HUMPHREY CORDERO.

RABAGO stated that from his conversation with this man he definitely obtained the impression that he, SIRHAN, did not like Mr. KENNEDY personally due to the fact that he was a millionaire.

RABAGO stated that he had never seen the individual, identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, before and that the length of his conversation with him was approximately five minutes long.

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RABAGO advised that he and CORDERO stayed at the campaign headquarters watching the election results until approximately 10:15 to 10:30 PM, at which time they left for their homes in his panel truck.

RABAGO advised that later that evening, possibly in the early hours of the following morning, he heard the news of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY on his radio. He stated, however, that it was not until the following day that he first saw a television picture of the man accused of shooting Mr. KENNEDY. RABAGO advised that he positively recognized this individual to be the same as the man he had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel on the previous evening, June 4, 1968. RABAGO advised further that on the afternoon of June 5, 1968, he again saw this individual's picture on the front page of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner in which he was identified as the accused assaulter of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He disclosed that he saw this picture in the Herald Examiner when HUMPHREY CORDERO purchased the afternoon paper and brought it to him.

RABAGO advised that immediately after seeing this picture he and his friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where they arrived shortly after 5 o'clock and were interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

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Date 6/7/68

On June 6, 1968, Mr. ENRIQUE RABAGO [REDACTED] Buena Park, California, voluntarily returned to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by HUMPHREY CORDERO, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, and furnished the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI.

"Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1968

"I, ENRIQUE RABAGO, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

"I am an American citizen born in San Antonio, Texas, September 25, 1926 and have attended two years of high school in Mexico. I can read and write in the English language.

"On June 4, 1968, I travelled to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles to observe the activities at the KENNEDY election headquarters. I was accompanied on this trip by my friend, HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO. We arrived in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9:00 - 9:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, parked several blocks from the hotel and walked to the main entrance to the KENNEDY headquarters.

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"I did not feel like going in to the building in that I was not dressed in a suit, but was wearing casual clothing, however, my friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, urged me to go in with him. We entered the main lobby of the hotel and after approximately ten minutes I became separated from CORDERO due to the large number of people standing around.

"I could not see HUMPHREY CORDERO and I, therefore walked to the porch area at the front of the main entrance on Seventh Street hoping that he would find me there. Upon arriving on the front porch, I noticed a great many people standing there talking. I started talking to several of these people in a general conversation concerning the election returns and it was at this time that I first observed an individual whom I later learned to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from pictures in the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' as well as local television programs. This individual was standing on the porch alone sipping from a drink and I engaged him in conversation concerning the election. I said to him 'Are we going to win?' and he answered 'I think we are going to win.' At this time I said to him 'I don't know MC CARTHY is ahead now' and he replied 'Don't worry about him if he doesn't win, the son of a bitch, he's a millionaire and he doesn't need to win. He just wants to go to the White House, but even if he wins he's not going to do anything for you or for me or for any of the poor people.' This man continued talking to me and he told me that 'KENNEDY did not care about any poor people and merely sought to gain the Presidency for personal reasons'. I feel that this man was becoming very disgusted with Mr. KENNEDY and at this time told me that 'KENNEDY was going to buy the Presidency'.

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"At this point I became disgusted with this individual's opinions and was about to walk away when my friend, HUMPHREY CORDERO, arrived. HUMPHREY CORDERO asked me where I had been and I told him I had become lost in the crowd and had come to the porch to wait for him. HUMPHREY said to me 'Let's go back into the lobby' and I told him that I did not want to return because my clothes were not good enough. At this point HUMPHREY turned to the man I later recognized from the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' to be the man accused of assaulting ROBERT KENNEDY and beckoned to me saying 'Look at my friend, he doesn't want to go in because of his clothing. What do you think of that?' To this comment the man in question replied 'We're voters. We can go in there like this. I just returned from the RAFFERTY headquarters.' At this time he told HUMPHREY CORDERO about an incident that occurred to him inside the RAFFERTY campaign room. He told HUMPHREY that he had gone in to order a drink and that the people in there stared at him and obviously did not like him because of his clothing. He also told HUMPHREY that these 'big wheels' watched him as he ordered a drink from the hostess and he continued by telling CORDERO that he 'showed them' by paying for his drink with a \$20.00 bill and leaving the change for the hostess. He told HUMPHREY, at this point, that 'it is the money you have got that counts, not the way you look.' I cannot positively quote the above conversation between CORDERO and this man because at the same time I was watching a television monitor concerning the election results.

"At this point I walked into the main lobby to be closer to the television set and this was the last time I saw the man in question. This individual was

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"positively alone when I saw him and at no time did I see him talking with anyone but HUMPHREY CORDERO or myself. I definitely got the impression from talking with this man that he did not like Mr. KENNEDY personally because of the fact that he was a millionaire.

"The entire length of my conversation with this man was approximately five minutes.

"HUMPHREY CORDERO and I stayed at the campaign headquarters until approximately 10:15 or 10:30 p.m. at which time we left going in my panel truck to our homes.

"Later that evening I first heard of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY on the radio, but it was not until the next day that I first saw a television picture of the man who is accused of shooting Mr. KENNEDY. I recognized this man to be the same as the man I had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel on the previous evening. Later this same day, June 5, 1968, I again saw this man's picture on the front page of the 'Los Angeles Herald Examiner' identified as the individual accused of assaulting ROBERT KENNEDY. I first saw this paper when HUMPHREY CORDERO purchased it and brought it to my truck. Immediately after seeing this picture and discussing the situation, HUMPHREY CORDERO and I drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, arriving at approximately 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. where we were interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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"Special Agent [REDACTED] has shown me photographs of six male Caucasians and from these pictures I picked the photograph of an individual whom I am certain was the individual that I had talked to on the night of June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel.

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"To the best of my memory the man I talked with at the Ambassador Hotel can be described as:

"Male
Caucasian
Height - between 5'4" - 5'5"
Weight - 120 - 130 lbs.
Complexion - dark
Hair - dark, very kinky
Age - early 20s
Characteristics - appeared to be of Mexican origin;
appeared to be educated,
but arrogant

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and five others and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialled all corrections."

"/s/ ENRIQUE RABAGO

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"Witness:

/s/ SA [REDACTED] FBI, LA, 6/6/68
/s/ SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, 6/6/68."

"After furnishing the above signed statement, RABAGO added further that in his opinion the individual he identified from photographs as being identical with the man he had conversation with on the evening of June 4, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel was there alone. RABAGO stated he based this only on an impression.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. RABAGO picked the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from among photographs of six individuals which were exhibited to him by SA [REDACTED] as being

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The following is a description obtained through observation and interview of ENRIQUE RABAGO:

[REDACTED] California
(no telephone)

Auto mechanic - unemployed

Married

INDOLECIA, employed as

Los Angeles, California

Male

White - Mexican extraction

September 25, 1926

San Antonio, Texas

5'8"

165 pounds

Black

Brown

United States Navy 1944

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Date 6/7/68

On June 5, 1968, Mr. HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, accompanied by ENRIQUE RABAGO, [REDACTED] Buena Park, California, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to furnish information they believed pertinent to the assault of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968.

On June 5, 1968, Mr. CORDERO and Mr. RABAGO were interviewed together by SA [REDACTED] who identified himself to them as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Mr. CORDERO advised that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he traveled with his friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO in his, RABAGO's, panel truck to the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. He stated that they went to the Ambassador to observe the activities in connection with the campaign activities of ROBERT KENNEDY. He advised that they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9 - 9:30 PM, after parking some two blocks away.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO entered the front entrance of the Ambassador Hotel into the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, after a small delay, due to the reluctance on the part of his friend, RABAGO, to enter the room due to the casual nature of his clothes. CORDERO advised that after approximately ten minutes he became separated from his friend, RABAGO, due to the nature and size of the crowd.

CORDERO advised that after looking for RABAGO for approximately five minutes he walked to the porch area at the front entrance of the hotel where he saw RABAGO speaking to another individual who was sipping from a drink. He advised that he walked up to RABAGO and asked him where he had been. CORDERO advised that after a short conversation with RABAGO's, he told him, RABAGO, to return to the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. CORDERO stated that RABAGO objected saying that he was not dressed properly to which he, CORDERO,

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replied, "Look at the guy standing next to you, he's dressed in the same manner that we are." CORDERO disclosed that the individual he had used as an example replied to him, "Why shouldn't we go in there, we're putting them in office. I just came from the RAFFERTY Campaign Center and Lounge. As I walked in the hostess looked down at me because they were dressed like millionaires and I was dressed like this. I took out a \$20 bill, bought a drink and left her the change. Then she was all smiles. It goes to show you that its not how you look, its what you got." CORDERO stated that this individual appeared to be extremely aggravated by the fact that he was looked down upon by rich people and CORDERO advised that he said to him that these "Rich people looked at me as if I was dirt". CORDERO stated that this individual told him that he had "showed them", indicating the rich people, by his actions involving the \$20 bill.

CORDERO advised that he definitely received the impression from his conversation with this individual that he was particularly discontented and disgruntled with "rich people", particularly because of the incident occurring at the RAFFERTY Lounge.

CORDERO stated that his conversation with this individual lasted only a few minutes and terminated when ENRIQUE RABAGO walked away from the group and was followed closely by himself, CORDERO.

CORDERO advised that at no time did he observe this individual speak to anyone but himself or RABAGO. He stated also that he has never seen this man before and after the termination of his conversation with him on the night of June 4, 1968, never saw him again during that evening.

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CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO remained at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 10:15 or 10:30 PM, at which time they left for their homes in RABAGO's panel truck.

CORDERO stated that the first he heard of the attack upon Senator KENNEDY was late in that same evening on the radio. He advised that the following day, June 5, 1968, he met ENRIQUE RABAGO in downtown Los Angeles, at which time RABAGO told him that he had seen the picture of the individual accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY and was positive that this was the same man that they had conversed with on the previous evening to the Ambassador Hotel.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO waited until the late edition of the Herald Examiner came on the stands at which time he, CORDERO, purchased the paper and immediately recognized the photograph of the individual appearing on the front page, who was accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY, as being the same man he had spoken to on the previous evening at the Ambassador Hotel. CORDERO stated positively that the man he had spoken to at the Ambassador Hotel was identical with the individual, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, whose name and photograph appeared in various Los Angeles newspapers.

CORDERO advised that he and RABAGO immediately traveled to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where they were interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

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On June 6, 1968, Mr. HUMPHREY CORDERO, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, voluntarily returned to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by ENRIQUE RABAGO, [REDACTED] Buena Park, California, and furnished the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI.

"Los Angeles, California
June 6, 1968

"I, HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

"I was born in New York City, New York, April 4, 1934, and have attended three years of high school at Dewitt Clinton High School, New York, New York. I am able to read and write English fluently.

"On the evening of June 4, 1968, I travelled with my friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO, in his panel truck to the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. We went to the Ambassador to observe the activities there in connection with the election returns concerning ROBERT KENNEDY. We arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. after parking some two blocks away. We entered the front entrance to the KENNEDY campaign headquarters

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"and after approximately ten minutes I became separated from my friend, ENRIQUE RABAGO, because of the large number of people in the crowd. I looked for ENRIQUE for about five minutes at which time I walked to the porch area at the front entrance where I saw ENRIQUE talking to another individual who was sipping a drink. I walked up to ENRIQUE and asked him where he had been. He told me had become separated by the crowd and had walked to the front door to see if he could find me.

"I told ENRIQUE to come with me and we would go back into the lobby, but he objected saying that he was not properly dressed to return inside in that he was only wearing casual clothes. I told him 'Look at the guy standing next to you, he's dressed in the same manner that we are.' At this time this individual said words to the effect that 'why shouldn't we go in there, we're putting them in office.' He also said 'I just came from the RAFFERTY campaign center and lounge. As I walked in the hostess looked down at me because they were dressed like millionaires and I was dressed like this. I took out a \$20.00 bill, bought a drink (indicating the one in his hand) and left her the change.' At this point he said 'Then she was all smiles. It goes to show you, it's not how you look, it's what you got.' He appeared to me to be very aggravated by the fact that he was looked down upon by these 'rich people' and he said that these 'rich people looked at me as if I was dirt.' He implied that although everyone in there looked to be a millionaire, he had 'showed them' by his actions involving the \$20.00 bill.

"I got the impression during my conversation with this man that he was discontented and especially disgruntled with 'rich people', particularly involving the incident at the RAFFERTY lounge.

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"My conversation with this man lasted only a few minutes and the conversation ended when ENRIQUE RABAGO and I followed by this man returned into the lobby of the 'Ambassador' to watch the election results on the television monitor. I, at no time, observed this man speaking to anyone but myself and RABAGO. After parting with this individual I did not see him again during the evening. RABAGO and I stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 10:15 - 10:30 p.m. at which time we left for our homes in RABAGO's panel truck.

"The first that I had heard of the attack upon ROBERT KENNEDY was later that evening on the radio. The following day, June 5, 1968, ENRIQUE RABAGO met me in downtown Los Angeles and told me that he believed the individual we had talked to on the previous evening was the man accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY. We waited until the late edition of the 'Herald Examiner' came out at which time I looked at the photograph of the man on the front page who was accused of shooting Senator KENNEDY and I positively recognized him as being the man that I had spoken to on the previous evening at the Ambassador Hotel.

"Immediately after viewing this paper RABAGO and I drove to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI where we were interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED]

"On June 6, 1968, Special Agent [REDACTED] showed me the photographs of six male caucasians and from these photographs I positively identified one man as being identical with the individual I had seen at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

"To the best of my memory I would describe this individual, that I saw at the Ambassador Hotel as follows:

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"Male
Caucasian
5'5"
Weight - very slight, about 125 lbs.
Complexion - dark
Hair - dark, very kinky
Age - early 20s
Characteristics - appeared to be Latin;
appeared intelligent

"I read the above statements consisting of
this page and four others and I find them to be
true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ HUMPHREY O. CORDERO

Los Angeles, Calif. 90013

"Witness:

/s/ SA [REDACTED] FBI, Los Angeles,
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/s/ SA [REDACTED] FBI, Los Angeles,
6/6/68.

On June 6, 1968 HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO after furnishing the above signed statement furnished additionally the impression that the individual he identified as being at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968 was alone. CORDERO advised that this was based only on an impression received by him through conversation with this individual.

On June 6, 1968 HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO was exhibited a series of six photographs of male individuals by SA [REDACTED]. From these photographs CORDERO picked the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as being identical with the individual with whom he had conversation at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

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The following is a description obtained through observation and interview of HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO:

Residence	[REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California telephone [REDACTED]
Occupation	Mechinist - unemployed
Sex	Male
Race	White - Puerto Rican extraction
Date of Birth	April 4, 1934
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single

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The following investigation was conducted on June 8, 1968 at Los Angeles, California by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Clerk, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, advised that she was unable to locate any record for HUMPHREY OTTO CORDERO and ENRIQUE RABAGO. 1

██████████ Clerk, ██████████, ██████████, advised that he was unable to locate a record for

Records of [REDACTED] reflected that [REDACTED]

that [REDACTED] Records at the [REDACTED] reflected

Prior residence California and California. His most recent occupation was shown

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[REDACTED]
L His Social Security Number is shown as [REDACTED]

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On June 7, 1968, the office of Mr. ROBERT MC GHEE, Campaign Manager, Rafferty For Senator Committee, located in the Republican State Central Committee Headquarters, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED]

Mr. MC GHEE advised that, to the best of his knowledge, only male bartenders and waiters were in the Rafferty Campaign Headquarters located in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968. Mr. MC GHEE advised further that, to the best of his knowledge, there were no "hostesses" serving drinks in the Rafferty Campaign area; however, he stated that there were several female party workers working in the Venetian Room on the night in question.

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Mr. BLAISE MINNS, [REDACTED] Apartment [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, advised that he was employed in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel as a waiter on the evening of June 4, 1968.

Mr. MINNS advised that he did not hear that any of the employees received a \$20 tip for a drink on the night of June 4-5, 1968. MINNS advised that although there were no female employees working in the Venetian Room on the night of June 4-5, 1968, there were several female RAFFERTY campaign employees who might have been able to order and deliver drinks to customers.

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Date June 7, 1968

SERIOUS A. MASHAYEKHI, employee, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at which time he furnished the following
information:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, with his friends, LONNY and JANET WORTHEY, to await the election returns and to participate in the anticipated victory celebration for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He and the WORTHEYS arrived at the hotel at about 8:30 P.M. and went to the Embassy Room. They found that they could not gain admittance to this room because it was apparently reserved for the press. He and the WORTHEYS then went to the first floor of the hotel and to a room which had been reserved for the use of the KENNEDY campaign workers' victory celebration.

At about 9:30 P.M., while still in this room, he went to one of the two bars in the room, which he described as the larger bar. He noticed an individual standing against a wall adjacent to the bar. This person appeared to be out of place inasmuch as he did not seem to be joining in the apparent festivity nor was he wearing any campaign buttons or any tother items indicating his affiliation with the KENNEDY campaign.

Since having seen newspaper photographs of the alleged assassin of Senator KENNEDY, he believes this individual to be identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He carried on no conversation with this individual and never saw him again during that evening. This individual was wearing a sport shirt and slacks, light in color. He observed no individuals standing near this person. As WORTHEY's wife was pregnant and not feeling well, MASHAYEKHI and the WORTHEYS left the hotel about 11:30 P.M. and returned to Pasadena.

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information regarding himself:

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Sex
Race
Date of birth
Place of birth
Marital status
Height
Weight
Citizenship
Occupation
Address

Male
White
June 3, 1936
Tehran, Iran
Married
5'10"
160 pounds
Iranian
Shoe salesman
[REDACTED]
Apartment [REDACTED]
Pasadena, California

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_____ LONNY L. WORTHEY, employee, _____
_____ was interviewed at the _____
Store, at which time he furnished the following information:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he and his wife accompanied a friend, SEROUS A. MASHAYEKHI, to the Ambassador Hotel to await the election returns and participate in the anticipated KENNEDY victory celebration. They arrived at the hotel at about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. and after finding that they could not enter the Embassy Room, went to the first floor of the hotel and to a room which had apparently been reserved for KENNEDY campaign workers' victory celebration. At about 10:00 p.m., when going to the bar to get a coke for his wife, he accidentally bumped into an individual at the end of this bar. After seeing newspaper photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he believes the individual he bumped into was SIRHAN SIRHAN. WORTHEY apologized for bumping into this person to which this individual made no reply. A few minutes later WORTHEY observed a female standing along side this individual, but he did not observe them talking with each other. With the large number of persons being in the room, he was not sure that this female was in company with this individual. He did not see this individual or the female at any time later in the evening. He and his wife and MASHAYEKHI left the hotel about 11:30 p.m. and returned directly to Pasadena.

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Miss SANDRA SERRANO, 2212 North Marengo Street, Altadena, (794-6514), advised she was co-chairman of the Youth for KENNEDY Committee for the Pasadena-Altadena area. SERRANO advised she is 20 years old and employed by United Insurance Company of America, 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, (627-9134) as a key punch operator. Miss SERRANO advised she lives with her aunt and uncle, HERMAN and CECILIA MAGDALENO, at the above address. Her parents are MANUEL and AMPARO SERRANO, 1949 West 27th Street, Lorain, Ohio (216-282-9048).

Miss SERRANO advised that at approximately 8:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, she left the Youth for KENNEDY Pasadena Headquarters with four other committee workers to go to the Ambassador to await the primary results. This group went in a car belonging to GREG ABBOTT, 1009 Arcadia Street, Arcadia. MICHAEL FRANCHER, 3556 Milton Street, Pasadena, (795-2865), GEORGE FREDERICKS, JR., 281 Crescent Drive, (681-2180), and IRENE CHAVEZ, a friend who rooms with Miss SERRANO's aunt and uncle at the North Marengo address, were included in the group.

Miss SERRANO advised that while at the Ambassador waiting for the primary returns, she had someone buy her a drink, a screwdriver. According to SERRANO, at approximately 11:30 p.m., she walked out of the ballroom area to an outdoor terrace stairway because it had become too warm and crowded in the ballroom. She sat on the fifth or six step of the stairway which lead to an upstairs area. Miss SERRANO could not describe what this upper area was. Two or three minutes later, which SERRANO estimated to be approximately 11:35 p.m., three individuals approached her on the stairway, a woman and two men, and walked past her up the stairs. As the woman got to her, this woman said, "Excuse us" and Miss SERRANO moved to the side so they could pass. SERRANO said she felt these three people were together since they were walking together up the stairs and the woman had said, "Excuse us."

After approximately 20 to 25 minutes, which Miss SERRANO believed was shortly after midnight, she heard what she thought was six back fires from a car. Four or five were

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real close together. During this 20 or 25 minutes, no other person went up or down this stairway past her. Approximately 30 seconds after hearing what she thought was back fire, this same woman who had gone up the stairs came running down the stairs toward her, followed by one of the men who had gone up the stairs with her. Miss SERRANO stated that as this woman ran down the stairs toward her, the woman shouted, "We shot him - we shot him." Miss SERRANO said, "Who did you shoot?" to which this woman replied, "Senator KENNEDY." Miss SERRANO was asked if this woman could have said, "He shot him" or "They shot him" rather than "We shot him." SERRANO insisted the word was "We" but volunteered that she realized that "we" could have meant we, meaning we as a group of KENNEDY supporters or as we as society in general.

Miss SERRANO did not notice in which direction these people went after they passed her on the stairs since she looked up the stairs behind her and immediately left and walked back just inside the hallway area. She met a gray uniformed security officer just inside the door and said to him, "Is it true they shot him?" This uniformed officer replied, "Shot who?" and she replied, "Senator KENNEDY." Miss SERRANO said at this point the uniformed officer told her she must have had too much to drink. SERRANO commented she still held her drink glass. A few minutes later a group of five or six people came towards her from the ballroom area and SERRANO said to them, "They have shot him." These people did not answer her but she heard one comment from the group, "Oh she's crazy" and another comment, "Oh my God."

At this point, Miss SERRANO advised she looked for a public phone so she could call her parents in Ohio. She said at about 12:15 p.m., she found a public phone. Miss SERRANO said she knows she had \$3.00 in change and thinks she tried to pay for the toll charge but had trouble with the phone and believes she ended up reversing the charges to her parents' phone. While SERRANO was talking to her mother trying to explain to her that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, people started to pound on the door of the phone booth trying to get in. One of these people



was (first name unknown) FRANKSTEIN, a KENNEDY co-worker, and she asked him if it was true that Senator KENNEDY was shot. He replied, "Yes." SERRANO then tried to explain to her mother that it was true but felt she did not really get it across to her mother and hung up the phone. Miss SERRANO stated she was crying and near complete hysteria and did not know what to do.

SERRANO was asked to explain why she would call her parents long distance in Ohio before she had confirmed the fact that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She said, "If you could have seen the expression in the face and heard the way she said, 'We shot him,' you would have believed her too."

b7c After leaving the telephone, SERRANO walked back towards the ballroom area and recalls meeting GREG ABBOTT. She tried to tell ABBOTT what she had seen but could not get him to understand. She then met DAVE HAINES, another co-worker for the Youth for KENNEDY Campaign, and could not get him to understand since he had a girl with him who was crying and completely hysterical. SERRANO then sat in front of a television set and said aloud, "I saw these people come down the stairs, what am I going to do?" A person in the area told her she should find a police officer to tell her story to. SERRANO walked out of the ballroom area and met her friend, IRENE CHAVEZ. She tried to explain her story to IRENE but could not get her to completely understand. They walked out of the hotel area towards the parking lot but found they could not leave the parking area and started to return to the hotel. As they returned to the hotel, SERRANO walked up to a man and said, "I saw them run down the stairs, what can I do?" This man identified himself as Mr. AMBROSE, a District Attorney from Beverly Hills, [REDACTED] and told her to come with him and he would find a police officer to tell her story to. SERRANO said they found two uniformed police officers and these officers took her to an area inside the hotel where they were keeping witnesses. While she was sitting in this area, a person asked her if she was a witness. She briefly told this person what she had seen and before she realized it, she was being interviewed on television at which time she gave her story the best she could.

Miss SERRANO said after this television interview, she was taken to the Rampart Substation of the Los Angeles Police Department and interviewed and then taken to the Homicide Division of the Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters and reinterviewed.

Miss SERRANO described the woman she saw on the stairway as being a white female, 23 to 27 years of age, 5'6" tall, medium build, 125 pounds. She had dark brown hair, ear length (bouffant style) and wore a white voile cloth dress with black quarter inch polkadots. The dots were about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2" apart. This dress had three quarter length sleeves, a bib collar with a small black bow and was A-lined style. (SERRANO said she took special note of the dress since she had a friend with one just like it). This woman wore black shoes and no purse. SERRANO said this woman did not wear glasses and had a "funny nose" which she described as a "BOB HOPE" type. SERRANO said she felt she could identify this individual again.

SERRANO described the male individual whom she saw go both up and down the stairs with this woman as being a white male (Latin extraction), 5'5" tall, 21 to 23 years, olive complexion, black hair, long - straight, hanging over his forehead and needed a haircut. He wore dark pants, light shirt, and a gold or yellow cardigan type sweater and had nothing in his hands. SERRANO said she was not sure if she could identify this person again.

Miss SERRANO described the other male individual who she saw only go up the stairs with this woman as being a white male (Mexican-American), about 23 years of age, 5' 3" tall, curly, bushy hair and wore light colored clothes. She said after seeing the picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspaper, she felt certain this was the same person she saw go up the stairs with this woman.

Miss SERRANO was asked if she was certain of the events as described above. She said she realizes she was near hysteria over the shooting, but was sure of the events she described. SERRANO said she had only the one drink and was not taking any type of medication or pills.

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On June 7, 1968, SERRANO was taken to the Ambassador Hotel and asked to locate and reenact the incident described by her above.

She had difficulty in locating the stairway she described but once she found the stairway, she was able to orientate and describe the events as she recalled them. This stairway is located on the south side of the Ambassador Ballroom and is used for emergency fire stairs. Large double doors open onto the stairway from a hallway adjacent to the Ambassador Room. From this doorway, the stairs go down to ground level and up to double fire doors leading into the Embassy Room which is located directly above the Ambassador Room. It is noted that Senator KENNEDY gave his speech in the Embassy Room and the Ambassador Room below was used to accommodate the overflow crowd. Television sets had been set up throughout the Ambassador Room in order to witness the events taking place upstairs.

Miss SERRANO advised that she had gone to another exit door before finding the exit to these stairs but could not get out because a uniformed guard told her she was not allowed to go out the doors. She said there was no guard at the double doors she went out to this stairway and the doors were closed. She noted that a uniformed guard whom she described as a white male, approximately 27 years of age, with dark hair, wearing a gray uniform, was inside the door when she went back into the hallway area. This is the guard she asked if it was true that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

SERRANO located a bank of public telephones located in the hallway leading to the main entrance of the Ambassador Room as being the bank of telephones she found to make the call to her mother. She said that there are five public phones in this bank and she identified telephones 386-0824 or 386-9837 as the phone she used.

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This same date, Miss SERRANO was taken to the NBC Studios, Burbank, California, and all film coverage taken by NBC at the KENNEDY primary celebration was reviewed by Miss SERRANO. She was unable to locate anyone in this film she thought might be identical to the woman or the men she had seen on the stairway.

Los Angeles Police Department [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and U. S. Secret
Service Agent [REDACTED] accompanied SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and SERRANO at NBC and at the Ambassador Hotel.

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[REDACTED] Rampart Division, LAPD, accompanied SA [REDACTED] and SANDRA SERRANO when SERRANO reenacted the incident described by her in which she claimed to have heard some backfires or shots at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

[REDACTED] stated that he was aware of the kitchen location of the Embassy Ballroom where KENNEDY was shot, and it was his opinion that it would have been impossible for SERRANO to hear .22 shots on her location on a stairway described by her. He said this was especially true because of the crowded conditions of the Embassy Room, and he knew that many people much closer than SERRANO who were inside the building did not hear the shots.

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Miss IRENE CHAVEZ, [REDACTED] Street, Altadena [REDACTED] age 21, advised she was a worker in the Youth for Kennedy campaign. She said she lives in the home of her friend, SANDRA SERRANO, and went with SERRANO to the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968, to await the primary results.

Miss CHAVEZ advised that about five minutes after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, she met SERRANO in a hallway outside the ballroom. She said SERRANO was crying and near hysteria and told her about seeing two people, a man and a woman, run down the stairway where she had been sitting and the woman had said something about they had shot Senator KENNEDY. Miss CHAVEZ said she understood from SERRANO that she thought these people had shot Senator KENNEDY and not just the fact that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

Miss CHAVEZ said that after trying to clam SERRANO down, they met a man who claimed to be a district attorney and took SERRANO to the police for interview.

Miss CHAVEZ said she considered SERRANO to be a stable person and never knew her to imagine things or make up stories.

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On June 8, 1968, [REDACTED]
Rampart Division, Los Angeles Police Department, advised
that several women classified by his department as "psychos"
came to the police claiming they were the unidentified "woman
in the white polka dot dress" and were so obviously not
connected, their names were not even taken. [REDACTED]
said one woman, CATHY SUE FULMER, was questioned and released.

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CATHY SUE FULMER, age 19, [REDACTED]
California, employed by [REDACTED] yet
unnamed, at [REDACTED] advised as follows:

She stated she had gone to the KENNEDY primary celebration at the Ambassador Hotel with a boy friend named DENNIS (last name unknown) and they were able to "gate crash" the reception held in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. FULMER claimed she had been able to get near the podium where Senator KENNEDY gave his speech and standing near her was an individual she described as a short male Mexican, about 20 years of age, whom she recognized from newspaper photographs as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FULMER stated that after the shooting, she ran out of the main entrance of the ballroom yelling words to the effect, "He shot him - he shot him." FULMER said she did not actually see the shooting but was coming forward to give her story since she thought she had been confused with a woman she had read about in the papers as having worn a white polka-dot dress and was heard to yell, "We shot him - we shot him."

FULMER said she was not wearing a white polkadot dress but did wear an orange and white polkadot scarf tucked in around her collar and wore a dark green suit.

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Miss SANDRA SERRANO was taken to the main lobby of the Los Angeles Police Department where she was able to observe CATHY SUE FULMER.

She advised that FULMER was definitely not the woman she had seen on the stairway at the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

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"Torrance, California
June 7, 1968"

"I, Harold L. Burba, reside at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Torrance, California. I am employed by the
Los Angeles City Fire Department, at 217 South
Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

"I have been advised of the identities of
interviewing agents -- that they are special agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I voluntarily
furnish the following signed statement.

"On the night of June 4, 1968, I was on
official duty at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles
to take pictures of any violation of fire regulations.
This was done at the request of the Fire Prevention
Bureau.

"At around mid-night I was sitting across the
hall which runs along the north side of the Embassy
Room. I observed Senator Kennedy and his party
pass where I was sitting and go out of sight around
a door way and I believe that he had gone on into
the Embassy Room.

"There were several stragglers following the
Senator's party. One of them came to my attention
due to the way he was looking from side to side as
though he was observing the layout of the area or
the people around the area. He was also carrying
what appeared to be a rolled up poster in his hands.
It appeared to be a roll about two feet long and
three to four inches in diameter. As I saw a rolled
up poster, similar to the one I had previously seen
being held in the air in the hall, while the Senator
was apparently in the Embassy Room. Sometime later
the Senator's party was leaving the Embassy Room

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"and moving down toward the Press Room at the end of the hall. I did not actually see Senator Kennedy at this time but by the movement of the crowd I was under the impression that he was in the group.

"I heard what sounded like three shots fairly close, followed by several more at random intervals. They sounded like they came from a cap pistol. I also saw what appeared to be flashes from the shots. At this time I had the impression of someone standing on a table and firing a gun at a downward angle.

"I moved toward where this activity had happened and learned that Senator Kennedy had been shot. I got my camera and returned and began to take pictures. I took five pictures of the activity. I then learned that in addition to Senator Kennedy, several others had been shot. I also became aware that some of the commotion was caused by several others subduing the person who apparently had done the shooting.

"I later left the ambassador Hotel and went to Fire Department Headquarters. Enroute I wondered whether the person I had seen following the Senator's party with the poster had been involved in the shooting. However, after I arrived at Headquarters I heard a newscast that described the suspect as possibly a Negro or Mexican man about 25 years of age. I recalled the person I had seen with the poster as about that description but with a complexion too light to be described as Negro or Mexican. The man I had seen had a full head of black hair and he was wearing a blue shirt or blue jacket and possibly dark trousers.

"I later saw newspaper pictures of the person charged with the shooting and I felt that it was the same person I had seen following Senator Kennedy and carrying the poster.

"The pictures I took showed several people struggling with a man who apparently had done the shooting. One picture showed Senator Kennedy on the floor surrounded by people. The foot and a portion of the leg of one of the other victims was also shown in the picture of Senator Kennedy. One of the pictures only showed the backs of some bystanders. Another picture showed a man standing on a table next to the wall near where the Senator had been shot.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages which I have read and initialed and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"s/ Harold L. Burba

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"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/7/68.
"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, F.B.I., Los Angeles
6/7/68."

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Date 6/7/68

On June 6, 1968, JOSEPH THOMAS KLEIN, [REDACTED] Avenue, Apartment [REDACTED] Fullerton, California, telephone [REDACTED] advised he is a student at Fullerton Junior College. KLEIN stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator KENNEDY was shot and then furnished the following information:

KLEIN was standing with two of his friends outside of the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel right after Senator KENNEDY had finished his victory speech. Approximately a minute or so after Senator KENNEDY had left the Embassy Room, a man came running out of the Embassy Room and shoved people as he ran. This man was carrying a package under his arm and the package was approximately three feet long and was wrapped in some "blue stuff" possibly paper or cardboard. KLEIN followed this individual out of the hotel, but upon reaching the outside he lost him. KLEIN asked several people if they observed a man running and they indicated not.

KLEIN stated the reason he followed this individual was because he was the first person to come running out of the room and was carrying a package. Also PATTI NELSON, who was with KLEIN stated she had seen a muzzle of a gun sticking out of one end of the package. KLEIN himself did not see the muzzle of a gun. Also a DENNIS WEAVER was with KLEIN and NELSON and WEAVER did not see a muzzle of a gun.

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KLEIN explained that last night, June 5, 1968, he was watching the Channel 7 News at 5:30 p.m., that originated from New York City. The news program showed a scene with Senator KENNEDY walking out of the Embassy Room after making his victory speech and the camera fanned out on the people who were standing in the corridor outside of the room where Senator KENNEDY was walking. The television camera stopped on this individual and at this point KLEIN recognized the same man he saw the previous night running out of the Embassy Room after Senator KENNEDY had been shot. In the television scene, this individual had a blue package in his hand. KLEIN stated he would recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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KLEIN furnished the following physical description of the individual running out of the Embassy Room carrying a package.

Sex	Male
Descent	Mexican or Cuban
Age	23-24
Height	5'9"
Weight	130-140 pounds
Hair	Black, long sideburns
Build	Slender
Clothing	Shirt and tie, and slacks

KLEIN stated that PATTI NELSON resides in [REDACTED] California, and her home telephone is [REDACTED]

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DENNIS STEVEN WEAVER [REDACTED] Garden Grove, California, telephone number [REDACTED] furnished the following information in the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

WEAVER is 22 years of age and a graduate student enrolled full-time at California State College, Fullerton, California, majoring in History.

At about 10:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, WEAVER met PATRICIA NELSON and JOSEPH THOMAS KLEIN at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Their purpose in being there was to partake in what they anticipated would be KENNEDY's victory celebration in connection with his winning the presidential primary in California. Shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, the three of them walked over to the entrance of the Embassy Room in this hotel. WEAVER saw a male individual running out of the Embassy Room and this individual ran between NELSON and himself. He was carrying a three foot long circular blue roll of paper which was approximately eight or nine inches in diameter. WEAVER did not hear this individual say anything as he was running past them. He was only able to observe him for a few seconds. He had never seen this individual before nor has he seen him since. He thought that it was very unusual when there were hundreds of people in the lobby that this male individual should be running so fast out of the Embassy Room when everyone else was standing still or entering this room.

At the time WEAVER saw this individual come out of the Embassy Room he had not learned about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

The following is a physical description of the unknown individual which WEAVER observed:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	25 -35
Height	5 feet 10 inches to 5 feet 11 inches

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Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Short, dark
Sideburns	Normal
Clothing	Wearing a gray or a blue suit with what was believed to be a white shirt and tie

WEAVER was not sure whether he would be able to recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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PATRICIA ELIZABETH NELSON, also known as Patti Nelson, [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

NELSON, age 20, is a student at the University of California at Irvine, majoring in Political Science. She is the Orange County Coordinator of Students for KENNEDY.

At about 8:45 p.m., on June 4, 1968, NELSON arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, to partake in the contemplated victory celebration there for Senator KENNEDY. The Presidential primary elections were held in California on June 4, 1968. At about 12:10 a.m., on June 5, 1968, she was standing with JOSEPH THOMAS KLEIN, also known as Tom Klein, in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel, next to a pillar just outside of the Embassy Room of this hotel. There were hundreds of people in the lobby. All of a sudden she observed a male individual running through the lobby and heard him say twice, "Excuse me please". This individual said nothing else. He came out of what appeared to be the Embassy Room or a room very close to the Embassy Room. Under his right arm this individual carried a package, which was about three and one half feet long and about six inches wide, wrapped in what appeared to be a dark blue canvas type cloth. The front of the package was closed. It could well have been a gun case. This package was held loosely in this individual's right hand. What appeared to be a wooden stock of a rifle or a shotgun protruded out of this blue canvas about six inches. NELSON did not know the difference between a shotgun and a rifle. The wooden stock appeared to her to be of oak or light walnut finish. She felt quite sure that the wood that protruded from this blue canvas was definitely the stock of a gun. She observed this individual for a period of about five seconds and last saw him running down the corridor of the hotel.

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She believed this individual's appearance to be very unusual because of his wearing apparel as all the men there were dressed in suits. He also had very long hair and long sideburns which was not characteristic of those present. The fact that he was also running appeared unusual to her. She had never seen this individual before or since that time.

KLEIN later told NELSON that he had seen this same individual on the FRANK REYNOLDS' News Program, an ABC television program. KLEIN stated the ABC television cameras picked up the individual as they panned the hotel lobby.

The following is a physical description furnished by PATRICIA NELSON concerning the individual that ran past her in the corridor of the Ambassador Hotel:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	Mexican or Cuban
Age	Early 20's
Height	5'6" - 5'7"
Weight	140 - 150 pounds
Build	Slight
Complexion	Medium Dark
Eyes	Unknown, but believed brown
Hair	Black; long, straight, hung over his ears and hung in back to about where his collar would be; long heavy sideburns which extended to the bottom of his ears.
Appearance	Clean shaven
Peculiarities	Stooped
Dress	Burgandy or dark sweater with V-neck, may or may not have had shirt underneath; dark levi-type trousers, no press.

PATRICIA NELSON would recognize this individual if she saw him again.

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NELSON furnished the above information to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California Police Department, on
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PATRICIA ELIZABETH NELSON, [REDACTED] Bellflower, California, observed the film that was shown at the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 4151 Prospect Street, on June 7, 1968. Upon viewing the particular part of the film which showed Senator KENNEDY's entrance through the kitchen in the Ambassador Hotel, an unidentified man was shown carrying what appeared to be a roll of posters or similar paper and presented this roll to Senator KENNEDY for autographing, which was done. After viewing this individual, NELSON stated, "That's him. That's the same sweater, the same hair, the same sideburns".

In regard to the above comments made by NELSON, she was referring to the same individual that she had seen shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

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In regard to the above comments made by KLEIN, he was referring to the same individual that he had seen shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

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Miss BARBARA SHAW, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at Goleta, California, at which time she stated that she is secretary for State Senator ANTHONY C. BIELENSON. During Senator KENNEDY's talk at the Ambassador Hotel, she was in company with Senator BIELENSON's wife, DELORES, and, upon the conclusion of Senator KENNEDY's talk, she and Mrs. BIELENSON went from the main room into a kitchen hallway because of the oppressive heat in the main room. A few minutes later, it appeared to her that Senator KENNEDY had passed through the kitchen hallway and had gone beyond them, but she did not see him at that time because she was distracted by other persons around her. Mrs. BIELENSON advised Miss SHAW that the Senator had passed.

At that point, she heard what she thought was a series of firecrackers explode and learned later that the Senator had been shot. She stated that she did not observe the Senator in the kitchen hallway, did not observe the assailant, and knew nothing else about the shooting except what she learned later from other persons.

She learned from Mrs. BIELENSON, however, that Mrs. BIELENSON had observed a part of the incident.

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After viewing this individual, WEAVER stated that this is the same individual, has the same general size, but the clothes do not appear to him to be the same. He thought this unknown individual was wearing a dark colored suit. The package that this unknown man carried appeared to be similar to the package he had observed.

In regard to the above comments made by WEAVER, he was referring to the same individual that he had seen shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

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Los Angeles Police Department, made available tape reels
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SIRHAN.

Reel number 29083 contains the following inter-
views:

A six minute original tape made June 5, 1963
at 2:05 a.m. in Room 318, Parker Center Jail

A 28 minute original tape made June 5, 1963
at 3:15 a.m. in Room J-1, Parker Center Jail

A 1 3/4 hour original tape made June 5, 1963
at 4:00 a.m. in Room J-1, Parker Center Jail

An original tape made June 5, 1963 at 3:45 a.m.
and later in Room 2A1, Parker Center Jail

Reel 29084 is a continuation of the original
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